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Do you know like I know?

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Members of the Gospel Choir belt out "You Don't Know like I Know" to commemorate the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday night in the Chapel.

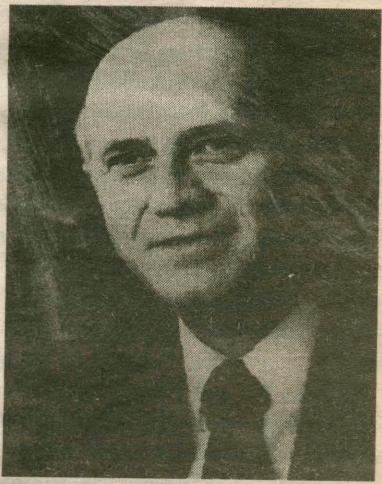
De Klerk chosen as next Great Names speaker

By Tom Ayres '98
NEWS EDITOR

Former South African President and Nobel laureate F.W. de Klerk will be the next featured speaker in the *Great Names Series*. De Klerk – – South Africa's last president under the system of apartheid — will speak on Wednesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fieldhouse.

In addition to his talk, de Klerk has agreed to attend a class, give a press conference, and meet students and faculty at a reception while he is on campus. As has been the practice with *Great Names* events, local high school students and other interested groups are invited to attend the lecture.

"We are honored that he will be coming to Hamilton, as he is one of the key political figures of our times," said Jennifer Potter Hayes, Director of Alumni Affairs and Information Services. "De Klerk will be in the U.S. for two weeks this spring on a short lecture tour and according to those who have heard him, he is a dynamic speaker and will attract a large audience."



Former South African President F.W. de Klerk

De Klerk, along with Nelson Mandela, played a major role in initiating the reforms that marked the end of apartheid and white minority rule in South Africa. Soon after becoming president in 1989, de Klerk lifted a 30-year ban on the African

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Chapel-goers celebrate Dr. King holiday with song

By Cristen Sargent '01
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

While the College did not officially celebrate Martin Luther King Day, a group of fifty students, faculty, and administrators gathered in the Chapel Monday night to commemorate Dr. King's legacy with a speech by the Reverend Al Sampson — a prominent member of the black community — and songs performed by the Gospel Choir.

"Programs like this help us keep his [King's] dream alive," said Ruth Gardner '99 during her welcome address. "If we don't hear it from the generation before us, we won't know, and that whole 'history repeats itself' thing happens."

The Chicago pastor was invited to commemorate King's 69th birthday because of his knowledge of and friendship with Dr. King.

"Here was a man who preached about what he believed in, and believed what he preached," said Sampson. "A man who would not tolerate the tension going on within the psyche of America."

After Gardner's introduction, the fourteen-member Gospel Choir took the stage and sang three part arrangements of gospel tunes: "There Is a Bomb in Gillian" and "You Don't Know like I Know."

In the most touching moment of the evening, Choir Director Robert Enoch explained to the audience that his mother had died earlier that afternoon, yet he knew his mother – – who was also a musician — would want him to celebrate the special day with song.

"I felt that the event went very well and it opened up some lines of communication within the Hamilton community," said Tom Royal, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs. "He did not want to give the impression that the struggle for racial harmony is over. It is an ongoing battle that we all need to join in to help us all develop a better understanding of what King was all about. It can also allow us to explore some of our own questions and concerns about our campus and various global issues."

Mario Henderson '00 read "A Gift of Love", written by King himself. Henderson's selection about

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Fantauzzi, Spangler win with 2/3 majority to lead Student Assembly

By Scott Von Duhn '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Not more than a week after the second semester began, there are signs of change in the Student Assembly. The newly elected Vice President and President, Jack Spangler '00 and John Fantauzzi '99, respectively, are already looking ahead.

565 ballots were cast in all, showing that over a third of all students participated. There were three write-in votes and one blank ballot. James Ryan and David Maxwell received 36 votes, and Joseph Freeman and Meghan Reynolds received 153, well over 25%. John Fantazzi and Jack Spangler received 372 votes and were declared the winners with 66% of the total vote.

Reflecting on the election that put them in office, Spangler commented on the election results.

"We're pleased with the outcome," said Spangler. "Meghan Reynolds and Joe Freeman made a good show and it was good to have them running as candidates."

"It goes to show that you can't just steam roll into office here at Hamilton," added Fantauzzi. "There was a good voting turnout, so the majority of people got to exercise their influence upon the outcome. It adds legitimacy to the candidacy, especially considering the equal opportunities of each candidate."

PHOTO BY ANNE PRENNER '99

Meet your newly-elected Vice President and President, Jack Spangler '00 and John Fauntazzi '99, respectively.

And just what were those equal opportunities?

"The election was very well-run, and each ticket had a chance to make themselves and their platform known to everyone," said Spangler. "The work of good people like Matt Weiner helped create a fair and informative debate where every candidate had an equal chance to answer questions and make responses. There was good publicity, and the guidance of Student Assembly veterans like Susan Greenspan helped the whole process along."

Of course, both Spangler and Fantauzzi said that they hope to get

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Stanley Fish lectures on Hate Speech

By Ilko Menkov '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, January 21, the President's Focus on Civility lecture series brought Stanley Fish, Professor of English and Law at Duke University, to the College. At 8 p.m. students, professors and guests packed the Chapel to hear the lecture titled "Hate Speech."

Fish received his B.A. degree in 1959 from the University of Pennsylvania. Three years later, he obtained his Ph.D. from Yale University. Fish taught at the University of California, the University of Southern California, and the Johns Hopkins University before going to Duke in 1985. In 1994, he also assumed duties as the executive director of the Duke University Press and associate vice-provost.

After Margaret Thickstun, Professor of English at Hamilton, introduced Fish, he started off by asking the audience a "simple" question: "What is the First Amendment for?" He listened carefully to the answers that ranged from "social order" to summaries of the subject. Then Fish directed the listeners' attention to a sheet of quotes that he had distributed before the beginning of the speech.

Fish started his "Hate Speech" by elaborating on a quote from Rodney Smolla's *Free Speech in an Open Society*: "...a Professor should have the right to espouse bona fide academic opinions concerning racial characteristics or capabilities, even though most people of good will and good sense on the campus would find the opinions loathsome."

Fish then explained how "someone like Smolla is labouring under an impossible (self-imposed) requirement: he must continue to be full of the values that make him what and who he is – he must continue to be a person of substance — and at the same time enact the supposedly higher value of setting his values aside in the name of procedural purity."

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Furthermore, Fish presented his arguments against the value of the First Amendment by discussing the case of *Collin v. Smith.* He described the facts of the case: "as part of a campaign of provocation a neo-Nazi group called the National Socialist Party of America led by Frank Collin announced its intention to demonstrate in the village of Skokie, Illinois, the home, not incidentally, of many survivors of the Holocaust." When the citizens of Skokie filed a few ordinances to block the demonstration, "two members of a three-judge panel held the ordinances unconstitutional under the First Amendment." Based on these facts, Fish questioned the morality of the legal decision, and thus, the value of the First Amendment.

After the speech, Fish participated in a short question and answer session. He answered the questions of some listeners and further defended his view on the subject of the First Amendment. Later, the speaker joined members of the faculty for a reception at the Azel Backus House.

Fish, an expert on Milton and 17th century English literature, has authored many widely known books on literary theory including: *Is There A Text in This Class?, Doing What Comes Naturally, There's No Such Thing as Free Speech, and It's a Good Thing, Too.*

Changing of the guard:

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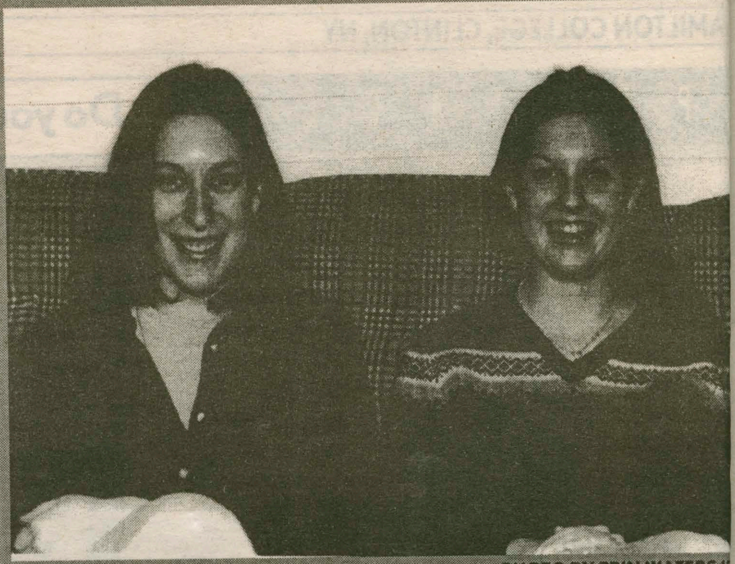

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Joy Dreibelbis '99 (left) and Sarah Byrne '00 (right) wi be the new Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief, r spectively, for 1998. Dreibelbis is new to *The Spectat* staff, while Byrne headed the Features section last s mester, a posititon that will be filled by Riley Fenner '0 In other changes, Jim O'Shaughnessy '00 slides into th A&E Editor slot, Peter Ringle '01 joins Jaso Santarcangelo '98 and Eliot Nix '99 as Sports Editor and Sara Brainard '01 and Erin Waters '01 take over Photo Editors. Byrne — the first female Editor-in-Chi since 1993 — considers her new job as an extreme challenging undertaking, but "that's why it suits me ju fine," she said.

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Pierce named new Asso-ciate Dean of Students

By Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Upon their return to the Hill, students learned through an e-mail sent by Janis Coates, Dean of Students, that beginning July 1, 1998, Gregory Pierce, Associate Professor of Psychology, will assume the position of Associate Dean of Students.

"Greg is an enthusiastic and committed educator, and I look forward to working with him," said Coates in her campus-wide memo.

Pierce is not only a professor, but also has served on many committees such as Academic Standing, New Student Orientation, and Student Activities.

"I was very pleased to be rewarded the position," said Pierce in an interview.

Pierce went on to say that he was interested in the position for the same reason he entered the field of psychology, "I like to work with people."

Last semester, Coates sent out a memo to the faculty asking for nominations of others or self-nominations for the three year position. Applicants then completed a series of interviews with the Dean of Students' office including Coates, Nancy Thompson, and James Bradfield.

Pierce will be succeeding James Bradfield, Associate Dean of Students since July 1994. Bradfield has worked with Pierce over the past several years and has discussed social and academic policy on many occasions.

"Pierce has a clearly articulated and strongly held commitment to the principle that students should be couraged to take some responsib for quality of their education at Ha ton, both in and out of the c room," said Bradfield. "He has both values and the commitme do well in his new position."

"I look forward to working Greg because, like Bradfield, he c about students and is committe excellence at Hamilton," echoed ompson.

Pierce will assume a variet responsibilities with his new p tion. As Associate Dean, he oversee the Honor Court, admin academic regulations, and coordi the advising process of matching dents and advisors. Furthermore, dents who are eligible for suspen or expulsion for academic rea will appear before him.

Students of Pierce also have fidence in his ability to serve as A ciate Dean.

"Greg will make a great because he is approachable, fair, has positive relationships with students," said Megan Robinson a former student of Pierce.

"Greg is well suited for the sociate Dean of Students position to his genuine interest in the dents," said Andrew Orzel '00. many occasions in Greg's intro tory psychology course, he led cussions regarding student is ranging from the Honor Code to alcohol policy."

Upon assuming his new p tion, Pierce will teach a psychol course and will continue to serv the Committee on Student Affai

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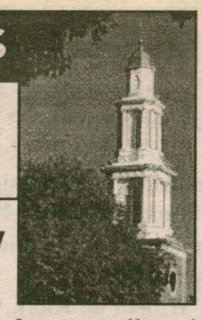

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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BYU study finds caffeine may increase risk of cancer

Caffeine may promote the livelihood of cancer cells and their spread throughout the body, according to a new study by microbiologist Kim O'Neill of BYU's Cancer Research Center. While this controversial chemical doesn't qualify specifically as a carcinogen, something that damages healthy body cells, it may protect cancer cells from the natural process of programmed cell death.

O'Neill discovered this phenomenon in an experiment where he dosed leukemia cells with caffeine and then subjected them to heat shock, a procedure that normally breaks the cell's DNA, then induces a series of events that lead to cell death. When cancer cells were boosted with caffeine before receiving the deadly heat shock, they refused to die.

With the influence of caffeine, pre-cancerous cells with damaged DNA may be allowed to thrive and multiply in the body instead of being eliminated. This in turn could lead to cancer, "a disease where cell division has gone out of control," says O'Neill.

The levels of caffeine inflicted on human cells tested in the lab are much higher than the amount in a caffeinated beverage, so immediate alarm is not necessary, but O'Neill feels there is still reason to take notice. "Anytime a natural body process is being disrupted, such as programmed cell death, there is cause for some conern," O'Neill says.

Leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have loosely counseled members of the Church to limit caffeine intake on the grounds that it is an addictive stimulant drug. Perhaps now there is more scientific proof that caffeine should not be part of a healthy lifestyle.

With daily news of substances that are thought to cause cancer, it is best to make your own educated decisions and "be selective with your personal way of life as to the amount of carcinogens you allow into your body," O'Neill says.

Other studies have been done showing that caffeine is a *risky* substance, and these findings furthur substantiate that claim, but O'Neill admits he'll drink a very occasional can of Coke.

Federal Perkins loan may be axed in Clinton's new budget

Students who rely on the federal government for financial assistance may find themselves both helped and hindered when President Clinton submits his budget to Congress next month. The president's budget request is slated to include a provision that will up the federal government's spending on the nation's work-study program by $70 million for the 1999-2000 academic year.

But also included is a section that will kill the government's capital contributions to the federal Perkins loans program — about $135 million this fiscal year — eliminating new federal subsidies to the 30-year-old program of low-interest loans for low-income students. More than 788,000 students nationwide received Perkins loans this year, and 83 percent of them had family incomes of $30,000 or less.

Sarita Gupta, President of the United States Student Association, said talk has circulated in the higher education community that the Clinton administration is backing down from its plan to cut federal Perkins contributions after the proposal caused a furor among aid advocates.

Timothy McDonough, Vice President of Public Affairs for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said the president's proposals are "a net loss" since the Perkins loans program and the work-study program do not benefit the same kind of students.

"By eliminating federal contributions to Perkins loans, they are neglecting needy students in favor of middle-class students," McDonough said. And Perkins loans offer two major benefits — a fixed five percent interest rate and loan forgiveness, which allows students to defer payment if they go into a service job after graduation.

Despite their disappointment with the possibility of loan cuts, student aid advocates consider the proposed increases in work-study spending a victory. "We're obviously very happy about the increased spending for work- study," Gupta said. "When it's done right, work-study is a great thing for students, because it can give them a chance to work in a field that they might want to go into someday."

Until the administration releases its budget within the next few weeks, provisions are not set in stone. But Roschwalb said he does not expect the President's requests to be contested on the Hill.

WORLD NEWS

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Fidel Castro greets Pope John Paul II in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Cubans gathered together in the streets carrying posters of the pope and hand-lettered signs proclaiming their faith — a sight previously unthinkable in Cuba. In a land where open expression of religion is discouraged, Fidel Castro himself gave people the afternoon off so they would come out to see the pope.

Greeted by Castro as he stepped off the plane, Pope John Paul II began his five-day mission with an appeal for Cuba to open up to the world, and the world to open up to Cuba.

In his welcoming speech, Castro treated his guest to a lesson in Cuban history, and compared the hardships imposed by the U.S. embargo of Cuba to the persecution suffered by Christian martyrs. "Like those Christians horribly slandered to justify the crime, we who are as slandered as they were, we choose a thousand times death rather than abdicate our convictions," he said.

The Pope, in his remarks, stressed the pastoral side of his visit, saying he had come to Cuba as "a pilgrim of love, of truth and of hope, with the desire to give a fresh impulse to the work of evangelization which, in the midst of difficulties, this local church continues to sustain." His left arm shook visibly as he held the back of the chair but with his other hand, he gestured as he spoke. "We should not forget that in this visit, there is Divine Providence that guides the world, peoples, states. I think we two should put ourselves in the hands of Providence," he said.

U.S. steps up role in Mideast peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is stepping up its role in the stymied Mideast peace process, telling Israel and the Palestinians "we need some results soon." The next move probably will be talks in Europe between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat brokered by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"Terrorists are waging a relentless war against Israelis," Albright said, echoing Netanyahu's complaint on this issue while disagreeing with him about a pullback. He has offered to withdraw from less than 10 percent more of the West Bank.

Arafat, for his part, demanded 60 percent more of the West Bank — he told reporters that was what agreements with Israel required — and said he had given Clinton a letter to show the Palestine National Council had nullified calls for Israel's destruction.

Netanyahu, who held talks with Clinton at the White House earlier in the week, insisted the council should hold an open meeting in Gaza and tear up the provisions in the Palestine Liberation Organization charter, thereby making it clear to the Palestinian people that Arafat wants peace with Israel.

Arafat told reporters Netanyahu had distorted the Palestinian record on terrorism, noting the jailing in Jericho of the alleged killers of an Israeli. Netanyahu had claimed the suspects were free to frequent coffee houses on the West Bank. "I hope that Mr. Netanyahu will understand that peace is not only a Palestinian need. It's an Israeli need, it's a Palestinian need, it's an Arab need, it's an international need," he said.

IRA rejects Anglo-Irish peace proposal

LONDON (AP) —In a blow to the fragile peace process in Northern Ireland, the outlawed Irish Republican Army on Wednesday rejected an Anglo-Irish outline for settlement terms, saying it was skewed in favor of pro-British Protestant parties.

"It [the settlement proposal] is a pro-unionist document and has created a crisis in the peace process," said a statement from the IRA, the mainline Roman Catholic paramilitary group that has waged three decades of violence to join the province with the Irish Republic. The Protestant unionists seek to keep the six counties of Northern Ireland as part of Britain.

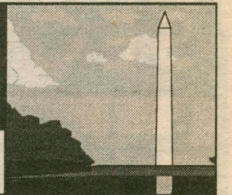
The IRA rejection amplified concerns expressed by Sinn Fein leaders to British Prime Minister Tony Blair earlier this week and came as new sectarian violence in Belfast, the provincial capital, claimed its fourth victim in three days.

The proposals cannot be the basis for a final settlement, the IRA said, accusing the British government of stalling and failing to implement "any meaningful confidence-building measures" since talks including Sinn Fein opened in September.

Although it stopped short of a declaration of resumed violence, the IRA rejection Wednesday was categorical in its condemnation of Protestant parties, Blair and the British government.

"The responsibility for undoing the damage done to the prospects for a just and lasting peace settlement rests squarely with the British government," the IRA said in its statement sent to news agencies.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Clinton denies affair with young aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the past, the White House has often relied on aides and even former aides to defend President Clinton from scandal. Not so on Wednesday.

In one demonstration of the seriousness of the questions for the President, his two chief defenders Wednesday were himself and his wife. The Clintons tried to dispel any public suspicions that the president had an affair with an intern who is now 24 years old and urged her to lie about it.

As he addressed the accusations, flatly denying that he urged anyone to lie, Clinton, repeatedly portrayed himself as resentful of the distraction from affairs of state. "I have got to get back to the work of the country." In a written statement released that morning, Clinton denied having an "improper relationship," with Monica S. Lewinsky.

"Is this the low point in the Clinton presidency?" one reporter asked, firing off a question that left McCurry little room to put a bright gloss on the administration's doings. McCurry, grinning slightly, said that it was not.

"There is not a sexual relationship," Clinton said Wednesday afternoon in his interview with Jim Lehrer, one of three that had been scheduled before Wednesday. But television analysts seized on the president's use of the present tense, wondering why he did not rule out a relationship in the past. In his next interview, with the newspaper Roll Call, Clinton did just that. "The relationship was not sexual," he said.

Strep may have claimed 4th victim in Ohio

FAIRFIELD, OH (AP) — A resident recently died from a streptococcal infection, and officials may know soon whether the same bacteria also caused the death of a 6-year-old boy.

County Coroner Dr. Richard Burkhardt said results of a culture taken earlier this week show that an elderly woman at Glen Meadows Nursing Home in Fairfield Township died of the infection.

Results of cultures taken should be returned soon that will determine whether an East Elementary School student, also died from the infection. He was found dead Wednesday morning by his parents just 24 hours after he attended classes without complaints of feeling ill.

Dr. Burkhardt said the death of the elderly woman "would not have raised any red flags" had it not been for two other deaths linked to strep. In November, a 33-year-old West Chester man died. About three weeks ago, Stephanie Stein, a 36-year-old teacher, died from the same infection.

While group A strep bacteria are common and treatable, "invasive" strep infections are rare. However, serious cases are increasing nationwide, said Dr. David Bernstein. "We are seeing more invasive disease. And there can be clusters of these cases."

As a precaution, Fairfield school officials alerted parents of the other East Elementary School students. They suggested parents request a throat culture if their child develops a sore throat. "I don't want to see a panic develop. We're trying to be proactive to make sure parents are aware of the situation," Fairfield Superintendent Charles Wiedenmann said.

Kaczynski pleads guilty in Unabom trial, receives life sentence

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The trial of Theodore Kaczynski as the elusive Unabomber ended Thursday before it even began, with the Montana hermit pleading guilty to murder-by-bombing.

In turn, the federal government will not seek to execute the mathematican but will instead allow him to spend the rest of his life in a prison without the possiblity of release.

U.S. District Judge Garland E. Burrell set May 15 for formal sentencing of Kaczynski, 55, who Thursday dropped a series of conditions that for weeks had snagged plea bargain negotiations.

What took nearly 20 years to unravel ended in a single afternoon, with Kaczynski, no longer a disheveled recluse but neatly attired and looking more like an academician, admitting to 13 federal charges covering five bombings by declaring calmly, "Guilty, your honor."

"This is an important day for justice and for the victims," a somber lead prosecutor Robert Cleary told a throng of reporters outside the federal courthouse after Kaczynski entered into the dramatic plea bargain just as the trial was to start.

Kaczynski was charged here with four mail bombings that resulted in two deaths in a campaign over a period of nearly two decades.

SECURITY blotter

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MONDAY, JANUARY 5

9:40 a.m. Motor vehicle violation in ELS parking lot

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

1:00 p.m. Vandalism to personal property in List

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:31 a.m. Pulled station triggers fire alarm in Griffin Road Apts.
7:00 p.m. Fumes from paint stripper sets off fire alarm in Kirkland
7:45 p.m. Fumes from paint stripper sets off fire alarm in Kirkland

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

4:45 p.m. Theft of service in South (unauthorized cable hookup)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

8:04 p.m. Burnt popcorn sets of fire alarm in Dunham

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

10:38 a.m. Steam triggers fire alarm in Minor

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

1:50 p.m. Fallen ice causes property damage to motor vehicle in Dunham parking lot
12:10 a.m. Fallen ice causes property damage to motor vehicle in Dunham parking lot

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

10:45 a.m. Vandalism reported in Sage Rink (3 separate holes found dug into the ice)
4:44 p.m. Larceny of school property in Kirner-Johnson
5:00 p.m. Larceny of personal property in Carnegie

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

2:05 a.m. Alcohol violation in North
4:20 p.m. Smoke detector sets off fire alarm in Carnegie

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

1:21 a.m. Medical emergency in Minor Field
10:00 a.m. Larceny of school property in Christian-Johnston

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 p.m. Unusual, possibly toxic odor reported in the basement of Burke Library
11:55 p.m. Smoke detector sets off fire alarm in McIntosh

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

11:10 a.m. Exhaust from waxing machine sets of fire alarm in Fieldhouse
3:05 p.m. Larceny of personal property in Minor
9:56 p.m. Cigar smoke triggers fire alarm in the Farmhouse

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

12:50 a.m. Medical emergency in Babbitt
1:35 a.m. Discharged fire extinguisher triggers alarm in Milbank

F. W. de Klerk to speak on April 8

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National Congress (ANC), released its imprisoned leader Nelson Mandela, abolished the principal laws of apartheid, and instituted constitutional reform.

De Klerk also began laying the groundwork for the first-ever multiracial elections in 1994. A year earlier, he and Mandela were co-recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize for their roles in the democratization of South Africa.

"We are pleased for not only is de Klerk our first international Great Names speaker, but he was a central figure in the formation of both South African and U.S. foreign policy," said Yao Odamtten '98, co-president of the International Relations Group.

Meghan Hallock '98, co-president of the IRGroup, also expressed satisfaction that de Klerk's lecture will give the community a chance to hear a central South African statesman speak on important issues of racial violence and institutional oppression.

"De Klerk will provide a unique look into a different culture which always lends itself to educational purposes," she said.

Frederik Willem de Klerk was born in Johannesburg in 1936 to a prominent Afrikaner family. Both his father and his uncle had held positions in the South African government, and the young de Klerk also seemed interested in pursuing a career in public service. After graduating from law school, de Klerk worked as an attorney before winning his first parliamentary seat in 1972.

Six years later, he was appointed to the South African Cabinet, and from 1982-1989, de Klerk served as the leader of the National Party in Transvaaal, the most populous of South Africa's four provinces. He was elected national leader of the party in February 1989 and became president seven month later after P.W. Botha was forced to resign because of illness and allegations of erratic behavior.

De Klerk and his National Party lost the 1994 elections to Nelson Mandela and the ANC, but he was sworn in as a deputy president under Mandela in a coalition government that was created to ensure a smooth transition to democracy. In May 1996, de Klerk resigned from his post and retired from active politics a year later. He now spends most of his time lecturing throughout the world and working on his autobiography.

De Klerk's talk in the *Great Names Series* follows presentations by fellow Nobel laureate Elie Weisel, political strategists Mary Matalin and James Carville, and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell. Best-selling author Maya Angelou was scheduled to visit the campus in October, but canceled at the last minute due to illness.

Rev. Sampson, Gospel Choir in Chapel

From King, page 1

young black men driven by the prejudice against them to act violently and the Doctor that stopped them, accented the role of love in the black freedom movement.

Sampson had met the boys that King wrote about and said they learned an important lesson — King's main doctrine that physical force can never solve underlying social problems. Violence only adds fire to fire, but nonviolence achieves results.

Sampson worked closely with Dr. King from 1962 to 1968. His address focused on judging others by the content of their character, not by the color of their skin, an idea from King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

"Granted, we were celebrating Martin Luther King Day and racial diversity, but the message he kept hammering home about content of character is not only applicable to skin color but to sexual orientation and disabilities," said Jill Allen '00. "In the wake of the homophobic stuff that happened last semester, people should follow his message and judge everyone by the content of their character, regardless of their differences."

Sampson also talked extensively about the Civil Rights Movement, of which he took an active part.

"The Civil Rights Movement was born on the premise 'kill us or let us go' because Jesus said, nobody can take my life, I lay it down of my own accord," he said. "You are not a 'boy', you are not property, you are God's child."

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '0

Spangler, Fantauzzi new school leaders

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better coverage from *The Spectator* in the future, realizing that it is one of the main sources of campus news and events, as well as publicity. They want to develop closer ties between all media and the Student Assembly in order to promote better understanding and awareness of Assembly decisions and issues.

New appointments to office include Maria Hillis '99 to Secretary, Briana Panico '99 to Director of Publicity, and Paige Peters '00 to Treasurer. The project teams are next on the list to be formed, and Spangler expressed the desire to do this quickly.

"Office hours will be posted after that is done, as well," said Fantauzzi. "We hope to see more people coming in this semester. We are open to ideas any time, and we hope that students take more initiative to let their concerns be known."

"The student body President and Vice President are pretty important positions," Hillis wrote, "and those who hold these positions have the potential to really help out the students of Hamilton. People should truly think about who they vote for."

Spangler wanted students to know that again there will be an election for several positions in the sophomore and junior classes in about two or three weeks.

"This will be a good opportunity for students to exercise their influence once again and make an informed decision to improve life on the Hill," he said.

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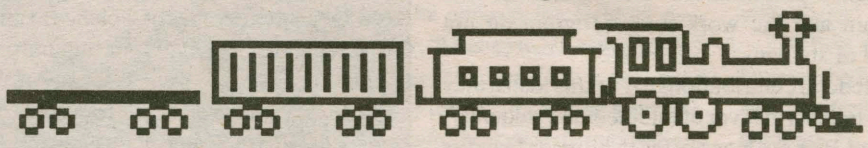

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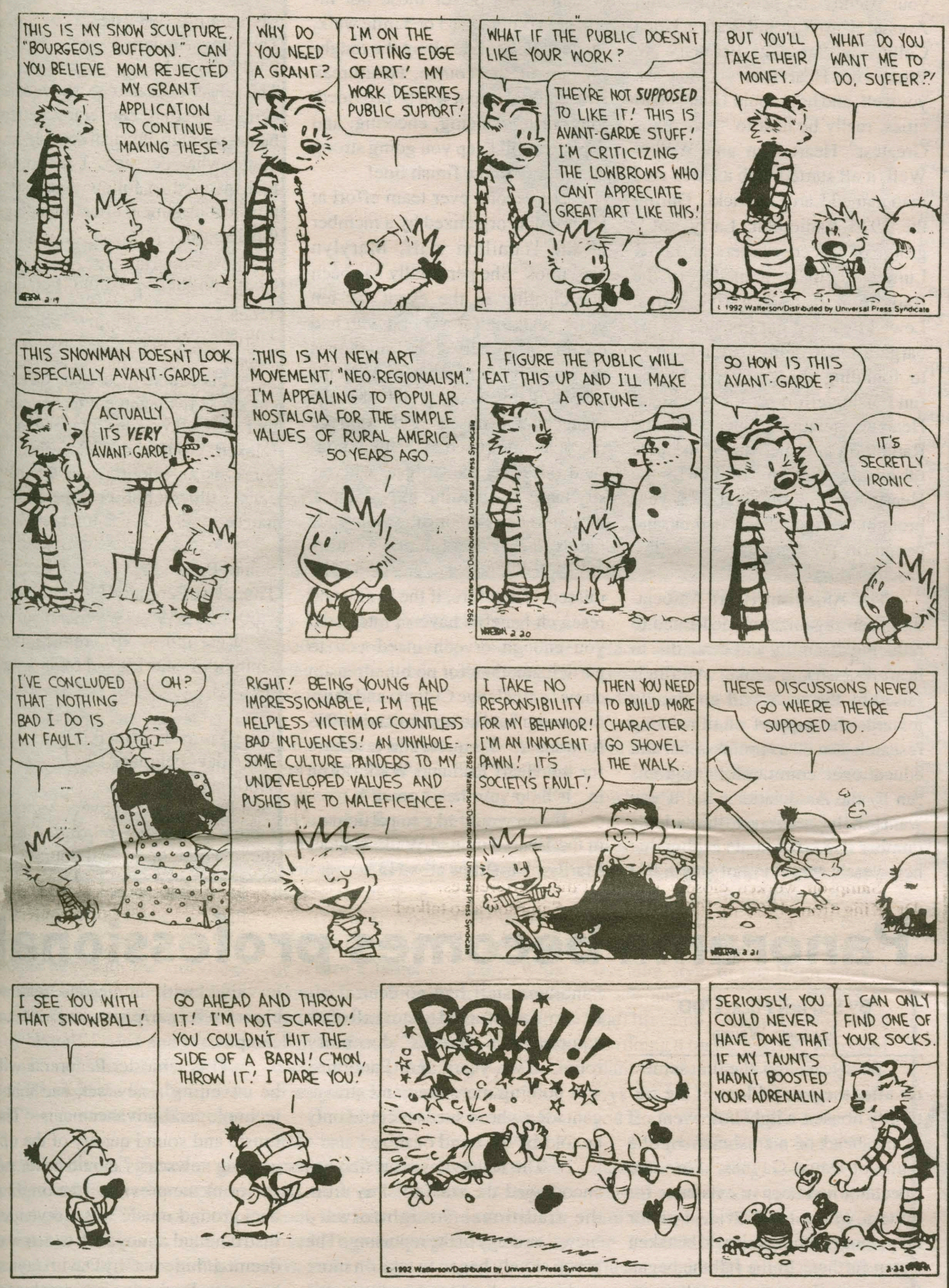

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Campus Crossword

SIESTA TIME by Shirley Soloway
Edited by Stanley Newman

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13 Potpourri
14 Beast
15 Rhythm
16 Apollo 11 astronaut
18 Basso Pinza
19 Fruity cooler
20 Boxer Sonny
21 Bible book
22 Promote new undergrowth
24 Biological partitions
26 Crossword fans
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32 Arizona Indian
35 Shoe width
36 Yours, once
38 Neat as
39 Handed out cards
42 *A Man __ Woman*
43 Measuring device
45 Clock numeral
46 Antique autos
47 Dispenser candy
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60 Pertaining to milk
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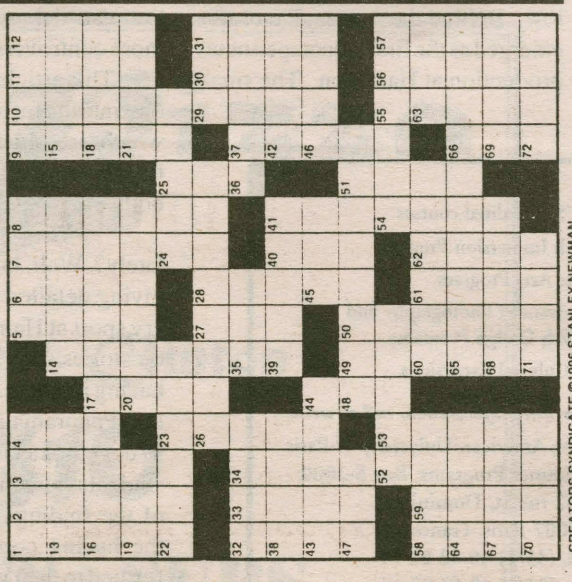

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-Anonymous

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-Tom Herr '98

Personals

Mickey-
You're so fine you blow my mind. Age ain't nothin but a number, right? I'm waiting patiently for my license. Have I ever told you that you have the face of an angel? When I fall in love it will be forever. See you in a few weeks.

-Minnie

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Eurosim 1998

BY MATT NOLAN '98
FEATURES WRITER

While others interned, tanned, or slept late this winter break, a brigade of twelve Hamilton students took off for Brussels, Belgium to participate in this year's Model European Union conference. EUROSIM '98, as the event was called, brought together New York State college students with their European counterparts for a lively debate of issues affecting the Union and its peoples.

A cooperative effort between the Catholic University of Leuven and NYCEUSS (the New York Consortium for European Union Studies and Simulations), EUROSIM '98 counted over 350 participants from 35 institutions both American and European. From Hamilton were Alex Aldea '99, Kim Boulanger '98, Jenna Corwin '98, Bill Geraci '99, Meghan Hallock '98, Sarah Leonard '98, Jessie Marrero '98, Matt Nolan '98, Liz "Jeff" Rothenberg '98, Phil Skalski '99, Molly Timmers '99, and the lone first year, Jeff Krutz.

For the most part, American colleges and universities were teamed with European universities. Hamilton's group worked with students from the University of Leeds in England to represent the United Kingdom delegation. While the Leeds group arrived several days after the Hamilton students, a camaraderie was quickly formed, one that lasted right through the end of the conference. While some translation was needed for conversations ("bar mats" instead of coasters?) the groups talked in the hotel lounge on several occasions.

Hamilton students cited Brussels favorites as including: the Grand Place, O'Reilly's Irish Pub, and loud toasts to Mercyside. Another favorite attraction was the Mannekin Pis, a small yet famous statue of a young boy urinating, which is the focus of international attention as bands play for him and people dress him up on a weekly basis. The trip offered many things to many people: education about the workings of the European Union, a chance to work with people of other nationalities and backgrounds, and the opportunity to see such famous sites as the Atomium and Mini-europe (from 500 feet in the air).

Each participant represented either a member of the European Parliament, a minister from their country, or members of the commission. These roles served to assign the students to both European political parties and to specific committees on which they sat and discussed policy issues. Hamiltonians represented delegates from all sides of the spectrum, from the Phil and Matt in the Socialist party to Meghan as a Fascist.

When the actual conference got underway on Monday the 12th of January, Hamilton students took active roles. Students descended on the actual European Parliament buildings in Brussels to hear speakers welcome their spirit and commend their interest in Europe. Among those whom the delegates heard were the U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, Alan Blinken, and the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Eric Derycke.

With the United Kingdom having the presidency of the European Union for 1998, ministerial meetings were run by Hamilton and Leeds representatives. After more than two hours welcoming speeches, groups dashed off to party and ministerial meetings for the remainder of the day.

Meghan Hallock '98, who sat on the Agricultural committee in the Parliament, found interesting "the different angles of debate concerning farm policy that the Americans and Europeans took; the Americans being more environmentally senstive."

When students, many groggy from the second of two NYU sponsored parties, returned to the Parliament buildings on Wednesday, the conference seemed to unravel. A revolt, led by a snippy Danish coreper, had some members of the Parliament clamoring to have the afternoon off. Meanwhile, conference organizers and faculty advisors appealed for calm and the continuation of the conference.

Despite problems such as these, the sentiments of the Hamilton delegation were generally positive. Jeff Krutz '01, a first time participant, said that he was "definitely looking forward to the simulation next year." Krutz continued, mentioning that one of his favorite parts of the time in Brussels was "Anne (the red-headed girl from Leeds)," who gave him a guided tour of the E.U. buildings.

Heart run and walk

BY EMILY HILL '01
FEATURES WRITER

Lace up your running shoes and prepare to have a great time while supporting an excellent cause! Join your friends and peers in the 24th Annual Heart Run and Walk at Utica College on Saturday, February 28. What is this Heart Run, you may ask yourself, and how could Utica, of all cities, really be host to "America's Greatest" Heart Run and Walk?! Well, it all started with a Utica area man named Larry Lewicki. During the 1975 Radiothon, Larry got a group of his co-workers at Jay-K Lumber to make a pledge to the Radiothon if he ran five miles. Lewicki carried out his side of the bargain and in doing so, ran his way to founding the country's largest fundraising effort for the American Heart Association. Since 1971, the Radiothon and the Run/Walk have raised more than $6.5 million for the Heart Association, and last year brought together over five thousand people in the fight against cardiovascular disease.

The American Heart Association is an organization dedicated to reducing disability and death due to heart disease and stroke. All funds raised by the event will go directly towards the support of life-saving research as well as professional and educational community programs run by the Association. So, if you want to help put an end to the nation's number one killer, and keep up that new year's resolution of staying fit and healthy, sign up today as a part of the Hamilton team. There are many race options, so whether you've kept in shape since the new year or not, there is something for you. The events include a 30k, 10 mile, 5 mile, or 3mile run, or for those not inclined to running, a 3 or 5 mile walk. To keep up morale along the toughest part of the course, Heartbreak Hill, entertainment will be provided. The music, dancing, cheering, and applause will keep you going strong all the way to the finish line!

The second ever team effort at Hamilton is organized by a member of the Hamilton staff, Marylyn Nassimos. She personally has been participating in the event for ten years, walking for a friend who had open-heart surgery. Nassimos hopes to increase the number of students involved this year, and better the meager $900 raised by the college last year, compared to the two thousand raised by the Colgate University team. According to Nassimos, the comraderie among the thousands involved creates a fun and exciting atomsphere and is not an event to be missed. Therefore, if the health and research benefits haven't interested you enough or convinced you to participate, then for no other reason come to challenge Colgate and show them who has the upper hand in this fundraiser! To quote the brochure for the Heart Run and Walk, "Join in...It'll do your heart good!"

If you would like to participate in the Heart Run and Walk, contact Marilyn Nassimos at x4433.

In honor of "Heart Month," the Kirkland Art Center is sponsoring several workshops designed to help you take better care of your heart. If you are interested in any of these classses, and would like more information or want to reserve a seat, call the KAC at 853-8871.

Living an Active Life
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Common Sense About Feeling Tense
Thursday, January 22
7:00-8:30 PM
This course focuses on different stress management techniques that will allow you to feel more relaxed, contented, and peaceful. Stress is an important factor that causes illness, but it can be eliminated.

Sound Bites
Thursday, February 5
7:00-8:30 PM
Learn how to reduce the amount of calories and fat in your diet.

Give Yourself a Break!
Thursday, February 12
7:00-9:00 PM
This session covers various methods of using relaxation and the imagination to heal yourself.

Panorama becomes professional

BY STEPHEN MICKLE '00
FEATURES WRITER

Two years ago, the first semester after the painful loss of the fraternity houses, a light bulb went off in the head of a freshman by the name of David Gaynes. Sure, the Spectator had been in existence for quite a while, but David, a junior now, thought things should be taken a step further. In the fall, he began Panorama, the audio-visual representation of the Hamilton newspaper– at least that is how it began.

Looking nostalgically back to 1995, the social morale on the Hamilton campus was at an all time low. Behind the scenes, Panorama emerged as the first videotaped news production at Hamilton. The small Panorama staff had no central office, and was forced to store all of its equipment in Gaynes' dormitory room. Two years ago, Panorama was nothing more than an extravagant idea whose success could only be told by the hand of time.

The following year, Gaynes encouraged the staff to stray from the traditional straightforward 'news' strategy of the reporting. The group slowly began to take on more sophisticated and generally more thought-provoking stories which would stimulate emotion and sentiment in its viewers. Today, Panorama is nearly professional, as it takes on the regular weekly updates, but also delves far into the many more controversial areas of campus life. This article is intended to demonstrate the far reaches of Panorama which are either ignored or taken for granted by much of the student body.

What has Panorama done lately? Well, last semester, beyond giving detailed reporting about every sport at Hamilton, the staff took on stories such as the alleged PBX hazing incident. It is stories like this that Panorama is going to continue to develop, as the staff realizes the students have not been kept aware of the findings and publishings of the hazing committee which was formed to deal with the event which occurred last Spring. Last semester's broadcasting also covered the story of the Great Cafe Opus Smokeout. This report covered everything from the college's precise decision to interviews with numerous zealous cigarette/cigar/pipe smokers on campus.

This semester Panorama will be unveiling a new set, and many technological advancements. The music and sound quality of the upcoming newscasts should be far superior to the previous (the original background music was a seventies instrumental annoyance which was deemed "hideous" by David Gaynes himself). Panorama has even begun some booking for advertisements paid for by off-campus businesses such as the Turning Stone casino and the F.X. Matt Brewery. These advertisements will not only contribute to the growing professional character of the newscast, but will reap some much deserved earnings to further better the production.

Panorama will still be shown in the diner on the rollaway TV, and as usual off-campus viewers will see the show on channel 3. Look for an upcoming story which will explain what all the chatter about cable in the dormitories has led to, or perhaps what brick wall it has hit. Hopefully, in the future, students will be able to watch Panorama broadcasts in the privacy of their own room on channel 3. Also look for a story taking on a full-blown curricular review of Hamilton College this upcoming season. The Spectator thanks the founder of Panorama, David Gaynes, for this information, and wishes him and his co-producer Mike Maslyn all the best of luck this Spring and beyond.

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FACES IN THE CROWD
Dino Mazzotta '00

BY SHAUNA WRESCHNER '00
FEATURES WRITER

Almost every little kid reads omic books, though their tastes may nge from Superman to Sesame treet (I was an Incredible Hulk fan yself). Yet how many of those kids row up and help create a completely ew comic book series? Dino Iazzotta '00 grew up and did just at.

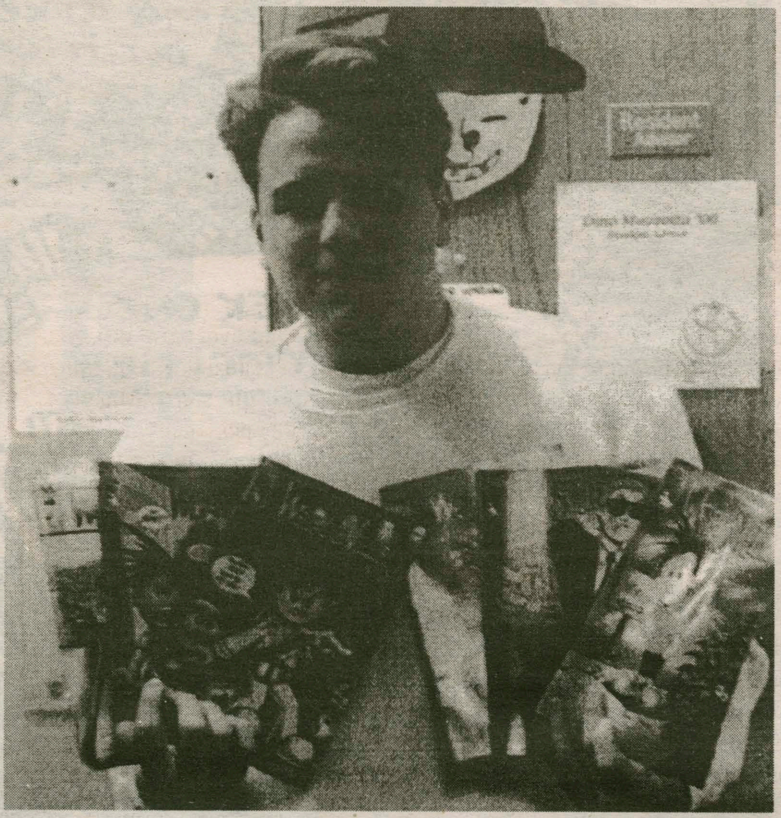
Dino, a sophomore at Hamilton, elps create the story lines and diaogue for the original comic strip Weirdsville" with his brother Alex nd cousin Franco. It all began when ranco patented his own publishing ompany, Blindwolf Studios, while reating and funding "Flesh and lood," a three issue vampire comic.

Children came to Franco's comic ook shop to buy the comic, but ranco would not sell it to them beause it was for mature readers only. hey asked him to write a comic eries for younger readers, which led the creation of "Weirdsville".

"Weirdsville is about a kid who ves in a town called Wierdling." ino explains, "He just moved there ith his mother. The character is bout eight or nine years old and ecides to explore the town a little it. As the title [of the comic] would ave it he meets up with a few 'differnt' characters."

Dino, Alex and Franco all play ifferent parts in the production of Weirdsville." While Franco does all e artwork for the comic, Dino and is brother help with the storylines nd write the dialogue. Dino and Alex ecame involved after France did Isue 1 by himself. "Alex and I read it nd gave him a bunch of ideas to put there. He liked the finished prodct and we've stuck together ever nce."

As "Weirdsville" gained popurity, Dino and his brother took on ew responsibilities. "We thought the omic would go three issues, but since is paying for itself we are going to ontinue doing it. In the beginning lex and I were just dialogue people, ut now we all have to do some part advertise it," says Mazzotta. The omic is so popular that it has reached aders in other states across the country. The only problem is that most readers borrow a copy from their friends rather than subscribing or buying their own.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Wierdsville has also had "guest stars" such as Marvel comics characters and a character called "She" that appeared in Issue 5. In order to have guest stars, Franco must go to each company and ask permission to have them appear, as he did with Bill Tucci, the creator of "She."

The next move is the decision whether to continue self-publishing or sell to a larger company. While Dino's cousin Franco has yet to make that decision, Dino prefers to "keep it all in the family." He says, "I want to continue self-publishing because it gives you a lot more freedom."

On the Hill, Dino wears a few other hats besides "Comic Writer," such as catcher on the varsity baseball team and Resident Advisor in Root, the Substance Free dorm. His love for baseball began when he was five years old.

When asked how he became a catcher Dino replied with a smile, "I couldn't catch a fly ball and couldn't field a grounder. So they [the coaches] said I looked like a catcher and stuck me there."

Obviously he landed in the right place. Mazzotta was named All League for two years and All Section in his home town of Brewster, New York. He was also inducted into the Brewster High School Hall of Fame.

Dino spends his summers teaching baseball to children. Dino spends one week coaching elementary age kids at the Pete Smith Baseball and Softball Camp (Pete Smith was a pro-ball player from Brewster). Dino was asked to teach because,"Mr.Smith had a similar teaching style to our [high school] coach and took varsity players to staff his camp." Dino has had a lot of fun doing it for the past two years and plans to return this summer. He enjoys working at a "daycamp where you teach something you love."

I asked Dino if he had a final quote for this story; something he wanted every reader to know about him. He replied, "Every day is different. I couldn't just have one quote. There is a quote for every day." Dino may have different quotes and wear many "hats," but one thing remains the same. He completes each activity with sincere enjoyment, a desire to make kids smile and to give to others what they have given to him.

R I L E Y ' S
Occasional Ramblings

The Pursuit of Knowledge

There are some realizations that come from academic pursuits that were probably never intended by professors, lecturers, or authors of textbooks. However, those can be the ideas that people remember long after they forget the answers to the exam questions, or that they retain instead of those answers. Some of these unexpected utterances even get to be written down.

"That hate speech lecture in the chapel was right on-if you let people say things like that, fights start breaking out. It happened once on the Jerry Springer show, when they had nazis and a civil rights group on at the same time. They started yelling, fighting, and throwing chairs around the room. People who don't use hate speech still yell and fight, but they don't throw chairs around. If you don't want your furniture to be steaked out on, don't let any racists speak in your living room. That'll be my rule when I'm older and I have dinner parties."

"My music professor talked about the way that music can represent your culture and society, and express your feelings. I always just thought that musicians were just trying to control my mind when they played. Now I can listen with a more open mind, because I'm not always stressed out by figuring out what the artist wants me to be doing."

"I learned about Native American religions and the way that they viewed the world today. Most of them used elaborate rituals to celebrate the transition from boyhood to manhood. They used drugs, journeys, and self-inflicted tortures, like hanging from poles by their nipples, to commemorate the event. I decided that I should at least do as much to celebrate puberty as they did, since I'm more advanced. I think I'll incorporate modern technology into my manhood rituals. I'm going to cruise across the country in a winnebago with an electric chair for a driver's seat, all while taking the best drugs that money can buy, as soon as my parents will agree to pay for it."

"My biology textbook has a whole chapter on cells dividing in order to reproduce. That whole idea makes me really interested in cloning myself when I get older. That way, my kids will be just like me, not a mix of me and some wierdo that I'm married to. Everyone's telling me that I'm going to reconsider after I read the chapter on genetic mutations."

"I think it's going to be great finding out how people survived through the ice age in archaeology class. The thing is, you can put in lots of work trying to find the remains of ancient humans, and not come up with any new information. I think I'll be better off if I spend the semester living in a walk-in freezer and having my friends send in animals for me to club every so often."

Everyone knows what it takes to learn, and everyone knows how to have fun, but a lot of times it's possible to do both at once.

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EDITORIAL

Sitting down at 4 a.m. to finally write this editorial, I feel that I have nothing to write. I am entirely drained. I have put my heart and soul into this paper over the past week, and I hope that it shows.

I was kind of hoping that I'd be able to come up with a brilliant editorial for my first issue, but to tell you the absolute truth, at this point, I don't care whether I seem witty. I don't feel the need to convey some deep, penetrating message or a grandiose ideology that will change the course of history.

I have no problems with the administration. I don't even feel the need to bring up the often-less-than-savory food served in the dining halls. Perhaps I have nothing to complain about this week because I am so immensely happy to be back on campus. Yes, I actually like Hamilton. In fact, I love it here. Sure, sometimes the weather is atrocious, and then there's the aforementioned food. But I tend toward optimism; I appreciate Hamilton for all that it is and all that it can provide for me. For example, would I, a lowly sophomore, even have a chance at the Editor-In-Chief position at *The Harvard Crimson*?

Then again, would the out-going Editor of *The Crimson* ever need to place a full page ad to attract applicants for the position? This may lead you to ask yourself, "Is our generation truly as apathetic as it is stereotyped to be?"

Personally, I don't think so. This is evidenced in the fact that three brave souls volunteered to step up to the plate when Hamilton was about to lose its newspaper. The general *lack* of apathy among my peers actually became even more apparent to me over the course of last semester. Ever since I started working on *The Spec*'s editorial staff, the level of dedication put forth by the entire staff has amazed me. We hear it time and time again...people of our generation are lazy and apathetic. We're slackers. No, we're not. We don't all like to sit around and watch Jerry Springer and eat Twinkies. I know that each and every member of *The Spectator* staff has dedicated countless hours to this issue, and since I have some space left, I would like to thank them for everything; for the extra help, for the humor, and most of all for their dedication. Many times you go unnoticed for all your hard-work; know that I appreciate it. Thanks!

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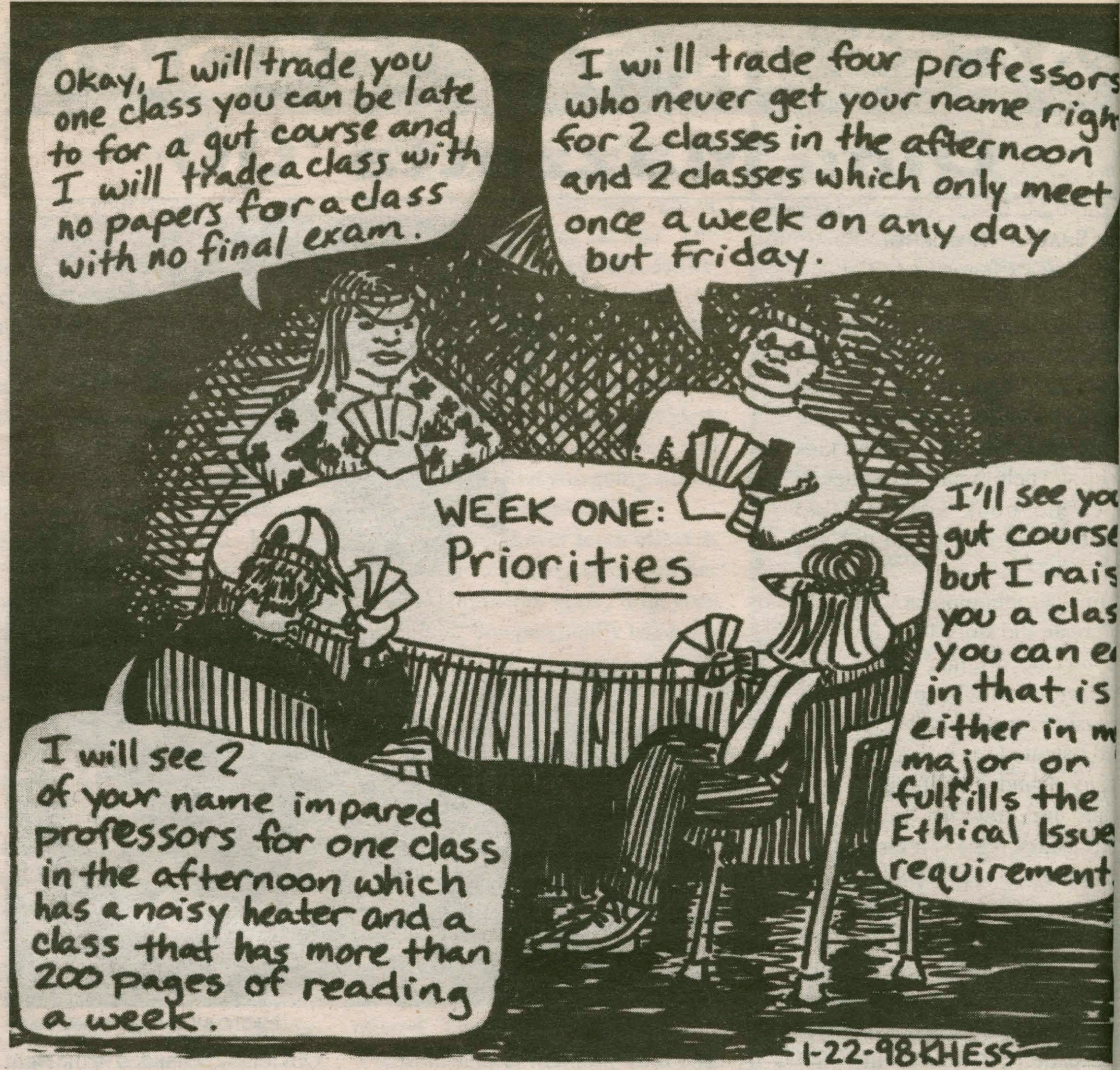

Fish's reasoning 'fishy

JENNIFER IRVINE
ALL ABOUT THAT

Professor Stanley Fish spent Wednesday night attemtping to convey his idea that the first ammendment, as it is written and currently enforced, does not work. His argument is rendered questionable by his poor presentation, circular reasoning and lack of viable solutions to the perceived problem.

Under the first ammendment any speech act is considered equal. Other than the regulation of content, all forms of speech are tolerated and encouraged. People may express themselves freely and are not supposed to be punished for what they say or write.

Professor Fish asked why we are to tolerate offensive speech if it goes against every moral fiber of our being. He asked how liberals can constantly play both sides of the field, i.e. working for integration, yet condoning all black fraternities, or, supporting Anita Hill and chastising Paula Jones. I've often wondered this myself. Professor Fish called upon us to "stop being liberals", to "admit what we believe", and to "work for what is right and good". We shouldn't rise above our moral convictions to allow a group to voice an opinion, he posits.

I believe that a democracy is an experiment always in progress. Freedom of speech is essential to the flow of information that serves to promote progress, growth, and reform. It also "prevents a government from surpressing criticism of itself". The first ammendment was implemented on the premise that words are not harmful, but Professor Fish eloquently illustrated that words are, in fact, harmful. "Sticks and stones may break our bones, but putting plutonian bomb instructions on the internet to be read and executed by 14-year-olds can never hurt us," he posed. Touché, Professor Fish!

In the beginning of his speech he clearly tried to establish that we should not respect someone simply because they have a doctorate or because they are deemed an "official" on the subject. Yet, when he concluded his tirade about the unclear purpose of freedom of speech, he demonstrated who he thought should be the decisionmakers. He did admit that there was no infallible person capable of making substantive judgment, but pointed to those whose job it is to make decisions; mayors and administrators.

I was shocked - so he hon thinks that a community or n should live under the moral beli one person? Not even Mayor Gi won an entire city. Where wi find such a demi-god?

The first ammendment ma be perfect, but how many are flawless.? The alternati revoke the freedom of spee much worse. If you ask there are bigger battles t fought.

(Note: I found it rather i that Professor Fish used his fre of speech to strike down freedo speech.)

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

The Staff

Icy paths

School starting on MLK Jr. Day

Stanley Fish in the Chapel

Swedish Fish in the diner

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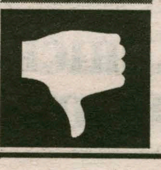
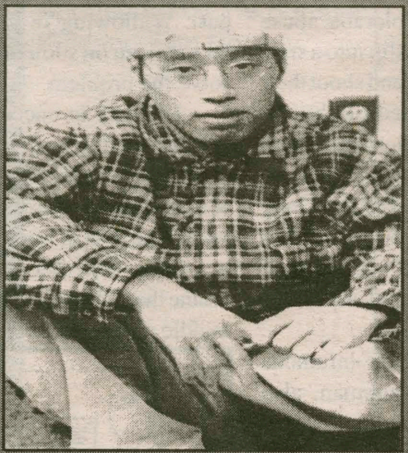

Oh yeah...no more punch

VOICE BOX

What were your New Years' Resolutions?

Kate Nelson '01

"Lose ten pounds, eat more crackers, and do my laundry."

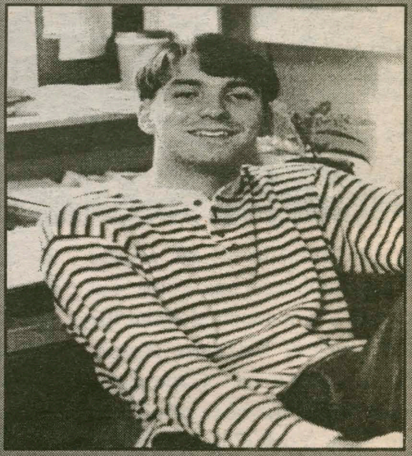


Seung-Won Woo '00

"Stop eating dogs."

Matt Markowski '98

"To find a better use for home appliances."



Matt Damseaux '00

"Take over the crew team!"

Keeping up with the Jones', keeping them away

ADAM HOGAN

ONLY IN AMERICA

If you have opened a newspaper or looked at a TV lately, you can't have helped noticing all the hoopla surrounding the Paula Jones scandal involving President Clinton. After much debate, it was deemed that the matter of sexual harassment would have to be resolved during Mr. Clinton's tenure as president. The White House just would not be any fun without a good scandal (or three, as it seems to be with the Clinton presidency).

So now, while President Clinton is trying to keep our country economically prosperous and deal with world affairs, he will have to worry about things like depositions, court dates, and maybe even indictments. I agree that the president is subject to the same laws that the American public is, but isn't it in the best interest of this nation to postpone any legal actions until after his term is up?

I feel Ms. Jones is wasting our country's time in bringing this matter up now. She waited over two years after she claims the incident actually occurred. If her story is indeed true and she was so upset by Mr. Clinton's alleged actions, why did she wait so long to come forward? She claimed she felt no one would believe her. The incident supposedly took place while Mr. Clinton was governor; I think she should have spoken up before he became president of the most powerful nation on earth. It certainly would have been more believable when he was still the governor of Arkansas. I tend to think a reasonable person would have reported the incident immediately to the proper authorities.

Statistically, fifty percent of Americans believe that Ms. Jones's story is false, according to a CNN/Time poll. Only 32 percent of those polled feel that she is telling the truth. In addition to showing that most Americans do not believe her, this data dictates that most of the American public does not feel the case is important enough to investigate during the president's term.

Perhaps if the incident had happened during Mr. Clinton's presidential term, it would justify the investigation. I certainly think he should be held accountable for anything he may have knowingly done wrong while in the White House. On January 21, 1993, a line was drawn when President Clinton was inaugurated. This line keeps all of his personal business out of national affairs, and this is the way it should stay.

Another interesting point comes from the fact that this woman has a team of lawyers and advisors larger than that of O.J. Simpson. Where is she getting the money for all of their expenses? It would seem that a average middle class woman would not want to make such a gross financial risk on a law suit against one of the most powerful men on earth. She is receiving some private donations, but that surely can't cover everything. I'm not making any direct accusations, but it would have been very advantageous of the Republican Party to support Paula Jones-both politically and financially. Maybe that's the source of her money. It is believed by many that she was pushed into coming forward by right wing republicans. However, it would not make sense to help her now, unless someone was trying to make Al Gore look bad, too.

So what should happen now? All of the parties involved should agree to postpone all further activities until after President Clinton's term has ended. Even if President Clinton is guilty of something, I personally could care less right now. He should have nothing inhibiting his ability to perform his duties to this country, and this case surely must have some impact on that ability.

LETTERS AND OP-ED POLICY

The Spectator's Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, _The Spectator_ does have editing policies for contributions.

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to _The Spectator_ via campus mail, email at "spec@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be dropped off at _The Spectator's_ office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

2. Letters should be no more than 600 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. _The Spectator_ will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes. _The Spectator_ also reserves the right not to print letters, or opinion pieces.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh double density disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

6. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed. However, letters may be printed with the names withheld upon request, subject to the discretion of the editors.

The 'Capeman' crock, glorifies abusive behavior

courtesy of Warner Bros.

Paul Simon in all his artistic misguideness has come out with a new musical about the life and times of Salvatore Agron, otherwise known as "Capeman". Capeman was a member of a street gang in New York City during the 1950s, when he slit the throats of two rival gang members all while wearing his trademark cape.

In Paul Simon's new musical the famous lyricist tries to explain away Capeman's behavior by blaming his life of crime on his poor upbringing and on a society that ignored his plight. Paul Simon erroneously parades on stage the idea of extenuating circumstances justifying certain behavior and hopefully his new effort will fall on its face. The idea of a 'broken home' or 'hard life' being a justification for serious crime has passed. We must come to grips with the idea that a person can have the strength to break a cycle of abuse or neglect and overcome their past rather than being shaped by it, and as a symbol of this, remove the legal precedents that allow abusees turned abusers to get away with their crimes or just make a mockery out of the criminal justice system.

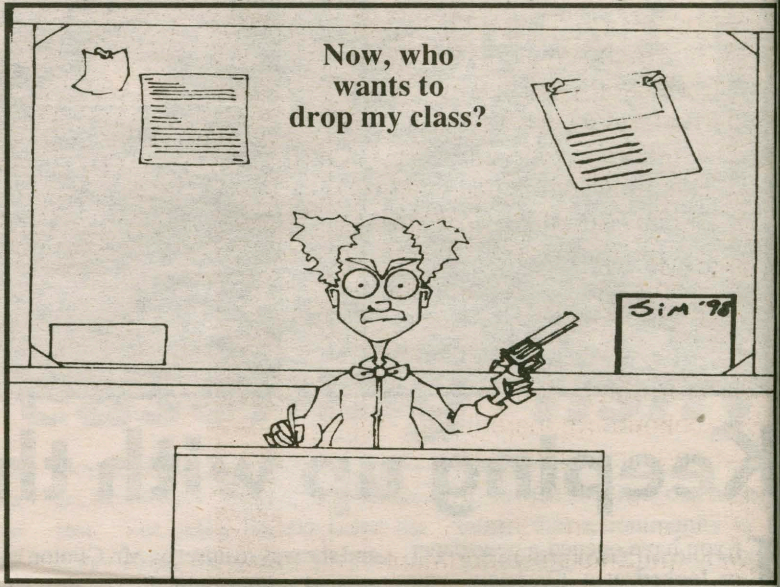
Lou Insel
Mad Reasonings

Capeman is not the only example of the prevailing idea that poverty or a broken/abusive home can be an excuse to wreak havoc on innocents. I know you cringe as you hear this name, but the Menendez brothers tried that defense and it worked. While they did not come from poverty (not by a longshot) they did admittedly suffer abuse at the hands of the parents. Just how much is a hard thing to nail down, since the only witnesses are the two defendants. Their lawyers argued that the intolerable abuse led the two brothers to slip into a state of momentary insanity and shoot their parents. As was pointed out by the prosecution they did not only shoot their parents; they shot, and then reloaded and shot again. Just how long did this temporary insanity last? Apparently the jury couldn't decide since the case became a mistrial and ended in a deadlocked jury.

Colin Ferguson, the infamous Long Island railroad gunman, also tried to use the momentary insanity defense (known as temporary insanity in legal terms) except in his case he claimed that the abuse he suffered came at the hands of the history of his race. His defense was better known as "black rage", its premise being that the years of oppression and injustice had welled up inside Colin Ferguson's head until he couldn't take it anymore and attacked all those he saw to represent the oppresion of his people. The jury was not convinced and Ferguson was sentenced to life behind bars.

While we must be understanding of the various tough lives many of us have led that does not make us powerless to reprimand those of us who see fit to take out their frustration out on the world. Society must encourage those who have had troubled existences or lived in broken/abusive homes to rise above their past. Wallowing in your misery or taking it out on someone else doesn't solve the problem.

The way to encourage this sort of behavior may be in removing many of the legal precedents that many abusees turned abusers have manipulated. The idea of temporary insanity is a farce. Whether you are sane or insane there should be no ambiguous middle ground to be exploited by the many characters who enter a courtroom pleading for their lives. By eliminating this legal definition we could send a clear signal to the abusers of this world that no matter how tough their existences are, if they are walking and talking competently then they will be tried as competent people. The cycle of abuse can stop by making it impossible to hide behind anything, be it your past, your race's past, or your momentary state of mind. Capeman is long dead and hopefully the musical named after him will follow suit. The age of extenuating circumstances is hopefully coming to a close. No amount of abuse should ever entitle someone to continue the cycle of pain and abuse



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SUMMER 1998

The following stipends in science, mathematics and computer science are available on a competitive basis to Hamilton students with the goal of promoting research participation under the guidance of Hamilton faculty. The competition is open to all students and students without previous research experience are encouraged to apply. In general, these stipends are $3,000 for 10 weeks beginning in late May or early June. Housing is available at the College at reasonable cost..

The **Bristol-Meyers Squibb Foundation** will support summer research in the sciences for about 6 students for the summer of 1998.

Stipends from the **Ralph E. Hansmann Science Students Support Fund** support summer research in all sciences and mathematics. Approximately 7-9 stipends may be available.

Stipends from the **Sergei Zlinkoff Foundation** support summer research and are open only to premedical/pre-health professions students. Approximately 3 stipends will be available.

Students interested in applying for these stipends should discuss available opportunities with potential faculty sponsors and decide upon a single project and advisor. Application forms may be obtained from the Biology Department homepage:

http://www.hamilton.edu/academic/bio/download.html.

The completed application will include the following:

1. A 1-2 page summary of the proposed project outlining the intended research sufficiently to convey the nature of the project and your understanding of it.
2. A statement of how participation in a summer research program fits into your educational and career goals.
3. A letter of endorsement from your faculty sponsor.

Submit your completed proposal with supporting document to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty by **2 March 1998**. Applications will be evaluated by a faculty panel and awarded based on merit. Notification of awards will be made by the end of March 1998.

Questions concerning the program? Contact David Gapp in Biology (ext. 4256, e-mail: dgapp)

Help me find that 'gut' feeling

The eyes scan carefully down the pink pages of the revised course schedule book . They look to the far right margin noting with care how many seats are available. The search is a matter of survival.

You have to get into that "Gut" course! This first week of the semester is a time of dissapointment, boredom, and elation in various degrees depending on how well you picked your classes last November.

All of a sudden you realize that the courses you picked are way too hard, or way too early in the morning to fit your lifestyle. You need something to give that GPA a boost and yourself a break.

Aaron Healey
Thoughtless Philosopher

The problem is differentiating between "Gut" and "Real" courses. They are few tell tale signs that I am about to share with you to make "Gut" picking a little easier in the future.

First, any course that is always filled after the first ten minuets of pre-registration is probably a "Gut". Follow the herd, pick up on which courses everyone wants to get into because you know that we are all looking for the easiest way to a Hamilton degree.

Another useful resource is upperclassmen. Experience is the best teacher. Not only can they tell you which classes to take but, even more important, they posess valuable information about professors which can often be very handy.

If you go to a class and on the first day fifteen or more people are trying to get signed in , well, then you have stumbled upon another "Gut" course. Sure some people need to get into the class for their concentration, and others need to fill a requirement, but any number above ten signing in, should lead you to conclude: "cake". Identifying a "Gut" course sometimes only requires identifying the people who are taking the course.

If, for example, you note an unusual tendency for a group students from a particular campus organization - oh, say, the conservative club (just as an example), to all take the same classes together then you have once again found a "Gut" course.

Hopefully these little tips will make your life at Hamilton a little less stressful. I also hope that no faculty member will use these tips as a way to undermine the glorious institution of "Gut". Even Harvard offers a few softies to their egg heads. Hamilton can certainly do it for us. So enjoy the wide variety of academic challenges Hamilton offers and keep your eyes open for these tell tale signs. God bless the "Gut" course.

LECTURES

Monday: At 3 pm and 7:30 pm Buster Keaton's *Sherlock, Jr.* (USA, '24) will be shown in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

Wednesday: F.W. Murnau's *The Last Laugh* (Germany, '25) will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

Wednesday: Lindsey Culbertson '98, Samantha Packer '98, Meghan Phelps '98, Rachel Wiener '99, and Professor Erol Balkan (moderator) will hold a panel discussion on "Recent Currency Crises and Its Global Implications" at 4 pm in the Red Pit. Sponsored by Department of Economics.

Thursday: Verlyn Klinkenborg, a creative, non-fiction writer, will give a reading at 8 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the English Department.

FILM

This week's film will be *Face Off* and will play in the KJ Auditorium Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society.

ARTS

Exhibition: *The Buffalo Soldier: The African American Soldier in the U.S. Army* will be on display from January 12 to February 22. This exhibition, which is mainly photographs, concerns the first African Americans to serve in the regular peacetime U.S. Army after the Civil War. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12 - 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm in the Emerson Gallery.

Friday: Ulali will perform at 8 pm in Wellin Hall as part of the Hamilton Performing Arts Series. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance.

CHECK IT OUT

Saturday: At 9 pm *Bim Skala Bim* will perform in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Wednesday: The film *Illusions and the Friends* will be shown at 7:30 pm in the KJ Red Pit. Sponsored by Black History Month.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12 - 18

As Good as it Gets	*6:35, 9:40*
Spice World	*7:10, 9:30*
The Boxer	*6:50, 9:20*
Amistad	*6:30, 9:45*
Fallen	*6:45, 9:50*
Titanic	*7:45*
Tomorrow Never Dies	*9:25*
Wag the Dog	*7:00, 9:35*
Hard Rain	*7:15, 9:55*

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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CC039

CAB kicks off the semester ska-style

By Chris Machera '00
A & E Writer

Are you getting bored of spending your weekend evenings deciding how you are going to spend your night? Not to worry, the Campus Activity Board has saved you valuable brain cells with two exciting events which it has scheduled for the two upcoming weekends.

Bim Skala Bim, the trailblazing ska band out of Boston will be dropping their eclectic beat on the College this Saturday night, the 24th, at 9 o' clock in the Events Barn.

Originated in 1983, Bim Skala Bim are the founding fathers of the "third wave" of ska music popularized recently by such bands as Sublime and No Doubt. One can find traces of soul, rock, and reggae in their unique blend of ska music.

And it is no wonder that Bim Skala Bim's music is so rich and deep in source when one takes into account their inspiration drawn from Smokey Robinson to Bob Marley to The Clash.

The band has long been recognized in its hometown of Boston. They have won 8 Boston Music Awards as well as 7 Boston Phoenix Reader's Poll Awards. They recently kept body surfers afloat at the Crankin' and Stankin' Mass Fest along with the Mighty Might Bosstones and the Offspring and received five stars from David Weiss in the Alternative Press Magazine out of Massachusetts.

Bim Skala Bim, with the release of their new album Universal is now receiving the respect and attention on a larger scale. Their songs are featured in films such as "Last Night at Eddie's" and "Darien" and in MTV's shows "Road Rules" and "The Real World." The New Musical Express calls them the "best U.S. ska band."

While you are resting from Bim Skala Bim's January 24th show, comedians John Rodgers and Judy Croon will be preparing for their performance on Friday, January 30th, at the Events Barn.

Although born in the States, John has honed his skills in top Canadian Clubs. Actually, he crossed the northern border with the intent of getting a degree in Physics in Montreal, but he soon found himself pursuing comedy.

Rodgers found success immediately. While taking a comedy writing course at the Comedy Nest in Montreal, he was invited to perform at the International Just for Laughs Festival, the largest all-comedy event in the world. In 1994, he appeared in the Just for Laughs Special with Brett Butler and Kelsey Grammer.

Since then, Rodgers has been drawing wide acclaim. The Boston Globe says that "Rodgers effectively hits all his targets with his fast, good-natured style," while the Montreal Gazzete has dubbed him "the best and brightest ... among the funniest people on the planet."

Rodgers' appeal can be traced to his quick wit and his wide range of topics. He covers everything from relationships to theoretical physics to bungee jumping. He recently signed a six episode deal to do a sit-com with CBS.

Following Rodgers' headlining performance will be the equally talented comedienne Judy Croon. Croon, who stands at six feet tall, brings her act from Canada as well. As confident as she is comedic, Croon holds nothing back when speaking about the opposite sex. She says everything that most women have always wanted to say and then some. Far from one dimensional, though, Croon is able to reach all audiences covering both big issues and pet

Judy is at the forefront of the recent explosion of female comedians. Although she admits that "women comics still have to try harder," she has helped erase many stereotypes. You can realize how far female comics like Judy have come when considering the 70s when Carol Burnett and Joan Rivers stood in a sea of jackets and ties.

The Bim Skala Bim show will be open to the public at $10 per ticket, but lucky Hamilton students can attend for free with a Hamilton i.d. The comedic tandem of Rodgers and Croon is free and open only to Hamilton students.

Ulali: cultural harmo

By Jim O'Shaughnessy
A & E Editor

On Friday, January 23, at 8:00 pm, The Hamilton Performing Arts Series presents the music of ***Ulali*** in Wellin Hall, Shambach Center for Music and the Performing arts. Soni, Pura Fe, and Jennifer are a trio of a capella singers that deliver a blend of traditional and contemporary indigenous music of the Americas.

Their music is accompanied by drums and rattles, and draws from a diverse mix of Southeastern Native American music styles, Plains and Northeastern Indian phrasing, Mexican Indian Musical styles and tunes, as well as vocal styles and riffs from Jazz. Ulali can be characterized as Native American Jazz with a dash of African American gospel with traditional vocal harmony.

The United States audiences first heard Ulali music when they ap- on the sound track for the Turne mentary series *"The Native cans"* and later performed in th Cultural Olympiad in Atlant Ulali helped the Indigo Girls k the "Honor the Earth" tour in th mer of 1995 as one of the openi They also performed with *Robertson* a featured guests "Tonight Show with Jay Leno." reputation among fellow music impeccable.

Ulali makes music a myst ance. When they play, they s enter a harmonious trance, whe formance comes second to bea fun. Real musical art is born mind and body synchronize a find yourself deeply connecte your fellow musicians. Ulali's cultural kinship allows their vo summon the powers of their ancestors. A haunting but be

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE BOXER B

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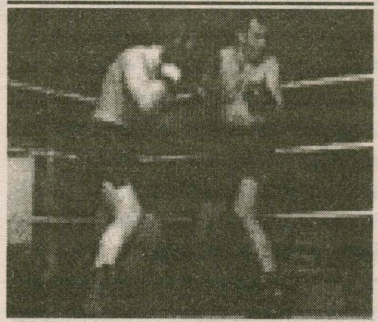
BY KATHY HESS
A & E WRITER

This movie is proof that some-nes the most repeated stories can told again and still be interesting hen they are done well. This film, rected and co-written by Jim heridan (*In the Name of the Father* d *My Left Foot*), tells the story of boxer who works against great lds. A familiar story that is done ell enough so that it doesn't seem the same story again.

Danny Flynn (Daniel Day wis: *The Crucible*, and the two eviouslymentioned Sheridan cks) is an Irish boxer who has en in jail for fourteen years for me IRA crime. While in jail, anny realized at he no longer wanted to fight the A. Even so, when he's released om jail, Danny goes home to his artment and attempts to make a fe for himself in a place where he is ot accepted. He fights with gloves stead of guns.

The movie isn't only about him, is also about his true love Maggie, d the women of the IRA. Maggie mily Watson: *Breaking the Waves*) the daughter of Joe Hamill, the big eese in the IRA, and the wife of anny's best friend who is in jail cause of IRA activities (you never eet him, he is not important). She also Liam's mother (Liam doesn't ant mommy to hang out with un-own daddy's best friend -Danny). The women of Ireland are asted too early in the movie by Joe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(Brian Cox: *Kiss the Girls, The Long Kiss Goodnight*), who feels that their strength to stay faithful and good while their husbands are in jail (or running around bombing things) is something very special. The wife of a man in jail is very carefully watched to make sure she stays faithful. Maggie voices the frustrations of the Irish women who are often silenced, and spend much of their time locked away, supporting husbands and sons who are inevitably going to be killed or jailed anyway.

Now that Danny is back and away from the IRA, he and Maggie realize their affection for each other still exists. The movie splits time between their relationship, a cease-fire attempt in the warfare, and Danny's boxing career. The mutual goal of Danny, and his mentor/coach/drunken father figure Ike Weir, is to have peace, and bring communities together through boxing. They start a gym for young boys. Ike is strongly opposed to violence outside the ring because of the young men he has lost to the struggle. Danny wants to stay in the fight, to prove that he is a man, and can fight without weapons.

With an impersonal war going on in the streets that involves shooting and bombing each other, Danny brings fighting back to the ring. Since being on the streets isn't safe, boxing is a better option for dealing with agression.

The emotions of the movie are what carry it. People react in a an understandable way. The women aren't always screaming and crying, the men aren't always yelling. Characters reflect with their opinions and actions, extremes and the gray areas.

Ike is at one extreme of peacemaking and there is even a delightful villain, Harry (Gerard McSorley: *Braveheart*), who doesn't want peace at any cost. No one gives a performance that blows all the others away, and because of that, different opinions and characters emerge.

The movie is shot close to the characters (the camera is punched in a couple boxing matches), but much of it is shot from helicopters that are always overhead. Connections between the overall crisis to the everyday lives of the people who are dealing with it were well done.

The drawback of the movie is that it is perhaps too familiar; we have seen certain aspects of it done too many times before. The characters in this story are so well developed, that the seemingly hackneyed theme was given new life. Again, an old tale can be retold, as long as the characters that live the drama demonstrate a unique freshness!

HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23-30TH

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 20)-
Has the start of this very new semester been a bit overwhelming for you, Aries? Although you may feel a bit out of sorts, so many people are smiling more now that you are back. As for the soap opera you've always wanted to enter, there are many roles written just for you this semester. Your lucky show is: The Simpsons.

TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 21)-
You have the best luck these days, Taurus and don't expect it to change anytime soon. You seem to walk with a guardian angel on your shoulder--but don't overestimate its power. Creativity will be key to enjoying this semester, you know you've got it in you! Your lucky activity is: glass blowing.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)-
Coming back with a good attitude this semester will help you out in the long run. Optimism is the best attribute to have. All of the work you have been doing all year will pay off this semester as you sail through your classes with great grades and little stress. Your lucky fabric is: suede.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)-
In the past you have tended to be one to procrastinate and chat the night away. Well, with the course load you have this semester, you may find yourself spending more time in the library then on your couch. Don't worry, it won't affect your happiness, things will all work out.. Your lucky song is: Ironic.

LEO (JULY 23-AUGUST 23)-
So now you're feeling a little less important around the campus, join the club. However, just think about all you've done in the past and how much you DESERVE TO party now! Relax, hang out with friends, do what you want to do, and the romance will follow. Your lucky talk show host is: Montel Williams.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)-
Last semester you tried to be a little more social than you were in the past. Why don't you try challenging yourself a little more? The world does span farther than the walls of your dorm. People like spending time with you, so amuse them. Your lucky cereal is: Cocoa Pebbles.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)-
Lately you've been feeling like you are being faced with many physical challenges, they're just preparing you for the future. Someone has a plan for you and soon enough you'll be let in on it if you prove that you've got what it takes. Just hang in there and tough it out. Your lucky pencil is: a sharp one.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)-
Your semester started off with a bang and it will leave you smiling for quite some time. Lots of changes will be taking place pretty soon that bring you to center stage, you can revel in them. This semester will bring you academic challenges, don't avoid them. Your lucky reminder is: the post-it note.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)-
Right now you're so far out there, it's as if you were in a different country. Come back soon because people miss you. This semester can teach you alot if you let it. Open up your books and underline things, it'll be a whole new experience for you. Your lucky sauce is: canned.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)-
Getting in shape is your New Year's resolution, and you're determined to look better than the people in the magazines. Don't give up on your goals and you will see results sooner than you expected. Try and balance out your time this semester, or you may miss out on things. Your lucky door is: the back.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)-
You're entering the semester with a game plan, Aquarius, make sure you can deal with any last minute changes which will inevitably come your way. The birthday season has just begun, so treat yourself to some fun! Your lucky movie is: Good Will Hunting.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)-
Although you may be far from loved ones this semester, nothing can change your feelings. Sadness may be a more regular emotion for you this semester, but don't worry, everything will fall back into place soon enough. Try and pass the time with friends and keep yourself busy and the tears won't flow. Your lucky food is: stuffed peppers.

Buffalo Soldiers in Emerson Gallery

BY JIM O'SHAUGHNESSY '00
A & E EDITOR

Hamilton College's Emerson allery is currently presenting The uffalo Soldier: an exhibition ob-rving the beginning of Black His-ry Month. The exhibit, which runs om January 12 through February , is filled with photographs and tifacts telling the tales of the Afri-n American soldiers who served in e peacetime U.S. Army after the ivil War.

These soldiers played a role in e Indian Wars f the American est, and were volved in uba and the hilippines. ne in five post ivil War sol-iers were Afri-n American, nd these sol-iers fought in ghty-five per-nt of the con-icts with Na-ve Americans. the West, the uffalo Soldiers ere respon-ble for a wide range of duties. They ften assisted the railroad crews, es-rted settlers, helped build national arks, patrolled the U.S-Mexican order, protected mail and herds of cattle from dangerous encounters.

The African American soldiers did not have a glamorous job in the West. Often, their days were spent travelling long distances in the dangerous terrain of the west.

Duty forced the soldiers to participate in the genocide of the Indigenous people. A fact that people often overlook is that the majority of the soldiers that participated in the expansion and development of the American West were African American.

The gallery hosts a number of incredible photographs and artifacts, including a display of an original wool uniform. It is a visual tribute to the unnoticed role of the African American soldier after the Civil War.

PHOTO COURTESY EMERSON GALLERY

The passionate voices of the soldiers penetrates in misty screams from under the gloss of hanging black and white photographs. The energy and struggle of these people is felt, a century later; staring at us from within a glass case, or looking out unrestricted by the limits of two dimensions.

On February 2, there will be a reception at the Gallery to celebrate the exhibition and the start of Black History Month. Three films will be offered: the landmark Birth of a Nation (1915) will be presented on January 21, Oscar Micheaux's **Body and Soul** (1924) will be shown on February 3, and John Ford's **Sergeant Rutledge** (1960) on February 10. Also, on February 18, Marcy Sacks, Visiting Instructor of History, will present a slide-illustrated lecture, *When the South Won the Civil War: Northern Fears and Nostalgia for the 'Old Darkey.'* I encourage everyone to take advantage of the gallery here at Hamilton. This exhibit is a true part of American history.

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This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Indoor Track & Field	Swimming
Fri. Jan 23	Rensselaer 8 pm	Rensselaer 6 pm	UMASS-Boston 7 pm					
Sat. Jan 24	Union 4 pm	Union 2 pm	Babson 3 pm	Middlebury 3 pm				Amherst 2 pm
Sun. Jan 25				Vermont TBA				
Mon. Jan 26								
Tues. Jan 27	St. Lawrence 8 pm	St. Lawrence 6 pm				Colgate 5 pm	NYSCTC Championships @ Union 3 pm	
Wed. Jan 28								
Thur. Jan 29								
Fri. Jan 30	Tufts 7:30 pm	Bates 7:30 pm	St. Anselm 7 pm			Holyoke/Smith Inv. TBA		

Indicates Home Game (shaded) Indicates Away Game (unshaded)

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our stunningly good looking Sports Editors, Elliott and Santax, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Elliott Nix *Spectator Sports Editor*	*Jason Santarcangelo Sports Editor*	Ringel Dingel *Associate Sports Editor*	Scott Nussbaum Freshman *Guest #1*	Molly Reid Freshman *Guest #2*
	Last Week: 0-0 To date: 0-0	Last Week: 0-0 To date: 0-0	Last Week: 0-0 To date: 0-0	Last Week's Guest: 0-0	Last Week's Guest: 0-0
NFL					
Green Bay vs. Denver 1/25	Green Bay 35-17	Green Bay 31-28	Denver 38-35	Green Bay 42-27	Green Bay 21-7
NBA					
L.A. Lakers at Seattle 1/24	Seattle	Lakers	Seattle	Lakers	Lakers
New Jersey at Washington 1/24	New Jersey	Washington	Washington	New Jersey	Washington
Boston at Indiana 1/24	Boston	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
NY Knicks at Detroit 1/24	Knicks	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Knicks
NHL					
New Jersey at NY Rangers 1/25	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Rangers
Boston at Pittsburgh 1/25	Boston	Boston	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Boston
Philadelphia at Detroit 1/25	Philadelphia	Detroit	Detroit	Philadelphia	Detroit
St. Louis at Chicago 1/25	St. Louis	St. Louis	Chicago	Chicago	St. Louis
College Basketball					
Duke at Virginia 1/24	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
Memphis at Georgetown 1/24	Memphis	Hoyas	Memphis	Memphis	Hoyas

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

The debate continues.

Jason Santarcangelo
From The Front Office

What a wonderful world - where else can we sit in the comfort of our homes and watch the greatest athletes, amateur and professional compete. A monumental 1997 has come and gone, and 1998 has arrived with a bang. What a year this promises to be! The Olympics, the World Cup, another year of watching Tiger Woods not to mention the standards — the Superbowl, World Series, NBA Finals etc. Many people will probably not even notice *the vote*. I am talking about April 22, 1998 when the Presidents of the New England Small College Athletic Conference are scheduled to meet to decide the fate of NCAA post-season competition.

In December, as many of us were fleeing from the wintry chill of the Hill, **President Tobin** and the other Presidents of the eleven NESCAC schools gathered for their annual conference committee meeting. The major focus of the agenda was to decide the fate of NCAA post-season competition for athletic teams at the NESCAC member schools. In 1993, an experimental decision was made allowing all NESCAC teams (except football) to participate in NCAA post-season competition.

Many were surprised by the announcement that came from the closed-door meeting. The Presidents' released a statement reaffirming their "strong commitment to the Conference and to its principles of academic and athletic balance. We considered the appropriateness of post-season play and affirmed it. Continued team and individual competition in NCAA championships is still under active consideration."

In an effort to more closely examine the issue, the Committee recommended the formation of four task forces that will report to the Presidents in April. The first is to reexamine and reaffirm the mission and purposes of NESCAC, and to make recommendations to continue the effectiveness and collaborative spirit of the Conference. Professor and Golf Coach **Bob Simon**, has been nominated by President Tobin to serve on this task force should a member of the Hamilton faculty be asked to serve.

The second task force was charged to consider and recommend a modest administrative structure, in a conference now 25 years old, to collect and analyze data, provide reports and surveys, and preserve minutes and conference memory.

The third task force will model and consider the organizational implications of proposed options for post-season competition, with the assumption that the Conference will select a single option for each sport. With President Tobin's recommendation, Hamilton Swimming Captain **Joshua Plati '98** will be a student representative on this task force.

The final task force has been asked to consider the boundaries and balances between academic programs and athletics, so as to minimize conflicts between classes and examinations and athletic travel, practices, competitions and post-season play.

Hamilton Athletic Director **Tom Murphy** has played an active throughout the entire process and optimistic about the Presidents' d sion to examine NCAA post-sea play more closely when I spoke him. "It [the formation of task for is a positive."

The formation of these four forces will allow more opinion surface, ensuring the Presidents have the most information poss to make the best decision. In simplest terms, the NESCAC has given up on student athletes. W we may be forced to wait ano three and half months before a d sion is rendered, there is still h that NCAA post-season competi will remain a valuable componen athletics at Hamilton.

I say hope because we do know what is going to happen what these task forces that incl presidents, athletic directors, fac and students from around NESCAC will recommend. So, the moment, indeci has turned to be v able.

The dents, ulty, and administration of this Col now have three more months to persuade President Tobin that compromise discontinuing NC post-season competition would detrimental not only to the ath but the community as a whole. I firm believer that no one practice finish third.

Hamilton rewards those who cel with positions of honor, pres and responsibility. The top studen each graduating class is given highest academic honor, when she is named valedictorian. Our letes are honored with All-Con ence and All-American honors. ing away the ability of our ath teams to reach the pinnacle of ability would be like taking away valedictorian status from the stu who finishes first in his/her grad ing class.

According to the College logue, "the fundamental purpose Hamilton education is to enable yo men and women of unusual gift realize their fullest capacities, for own benefit and that of the worl which they will live." Quite sim taking away NCAA post-season c petition would be to limit the gro of the unusual gifts of Hamilton dents, detracting from the fundam tal purpose of this College.

What can you do to ensure NCAA post-season competition s a valuable component of the ed tional experience here at Hamilto encourage everyone to speak President Tobin and Joshua P They are our representatives who to know we support them in t quest to maintain NCAA post-sea competition. Please, e-mail th write them, and speak with them

Given that education in all forms is the central mission of Ha ton College, let President Tobin Joshua Plati know that any cha restricting the ability of our athl to reach NCAA post-season com tition would be a grave injustice educational mission of this Colle

Hamilton's track and field team flies past Union

By Matt Nolan '98
Sports Writer

This past Saturday the Hamilton Men's and Women's Track and Field teams administered a severe thrashing to the Union Dutchmen. The women out-scored Union 67 to 47 on the force of 11 event winners, while the men drubbed their opponents 94 to 43.

Facing a Union team that had already been in training for two weeks, the Continentals rose to the occasion and sent a warning to other teams they will face this season.

On the men's side, Walt Sosa '00 was a huge contributor to the team, winning the long jump, the 55 meters, and finishing second in the triple jump.

Sosa and fellow sophomore Jeff Needham '00 put in excellent performances in the long jump and weight throw respectively, each qualifying for the New York State championships and the ECAC championships.

The women's team also had two athletes qualify for states and ECACs as double event winner Sherri Hamlette '01 and Kristen Daly '01 turned out tremendous efforts. Hamlette came up big for the team with wins in both the shot put and weight throw, while Daly won the 500m.

For the men a sweep of the high jump, along with one-two finishes in the weight throw, shot put, pole vault, 400m, 1000m were key in the victory. The relays also proved productive for the team as both the 1600m and 3200m relays were captured by the men.

The women's team also found success in the relays capturing both wins in the closing events to seal their victory. Small fields in many of the women's races set the stage for head-to-head competition between Hamilton and Union women runners.

Tara Woolford '99, Kate McAuliffe '99, Leslie Vars '00 and Peggy Malloy '01 all won their duels with Dutchmen runners and pushed the team to the hard fought victory.

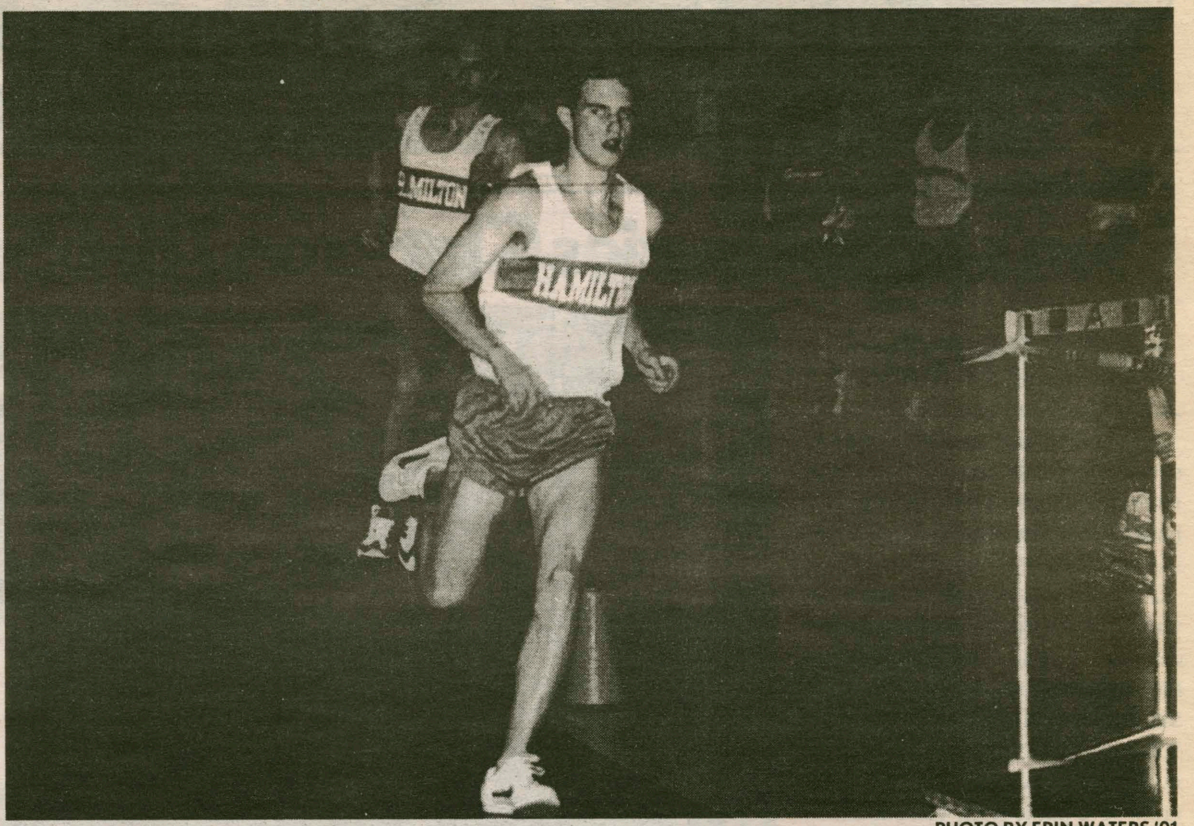

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

The Hamilton track and field team breezed past Union.

Men's hockey hopes to regain old style of play

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'00, and Trevor MacArthur '98).

"When guys get injured, it not only creates holes in the roster, but it doesn't give other guys a chance to heal nagging injuries. We have to learn to play with injuries," Smith stated. He also pointed out that the team, which plays mostly back to back games Friday and Saturday nights, hasn't been playing well in the Friday games which could be a reason for the team's inconsistency.

"We've been coming out flat on Fridays and play poorly which motivates us to play better in the Saturday games. We need to play well both nights." Hamilton is currently 1-4-1 on Friday's and 3-2-1 on Saturdays. Asked how this can be remedied, Coach Grady said, "We need to get fired up more and play a physical style of game. Too often our guys get to relaxed and think they can win games on skill alone. Hamilton always wins with physical play. That's our style."

Another possible reason for the sub .500 record could be its difficult schedule. This Continental team has only played four home games, two of which were during winter break. Of their remaining eleven games, seven are at home. This is key for a team that was 10-1 at home last season.

Grady pointed out, "we look forward to playing in front of our home crowd. Hamilton has always been a place that opposing teams dread coming to because of the crowd, that gives us an edge."

The outlook is still good. The team is positive it can reach its goal of making post season play. "The league is still wide open," Grady commented, "whatever team can get hot in this second half will win." Hamilton will have to start out hot this weekend as they return to action at home against UMASS-Boston on Friday at 7 pm and Babson on Saturday at 3 pm

Women's hockey leaves frozen Maine with two wins

Lady Continentals chalk up four points on road trip

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
Sports Writer

The Womens' Hockey team started off the 1998 season with two wins over the University of Southern Maine and Bates this past weekend. The women returned early from break on January 10th for a week of double sessions before beginning the second half of their 1997-1998 campaign.

Before classes began, they travelled to snowy Maine to play Southern Maine on Friday, the 16th of January and Bates on the 17th. The road trip was a success, as the Continentials returned to Clinton with four points.

They defeated Southern Maine 5-2, as Amy Williams '99 scored a hat trick. Jenne Atherton '01 (# 3) and Stacy Tyksinski '99 also added a goal apiece. Meghan Stasz '01 played an excellent game as well.

The following day, Hamilton soundly beat Bates 10-0. Linemates, Williams and Tyksinski led the team with a hat trick apiece. Phoebe Dick '00 and Harriet Lang '01 each scored their first goal of their collegiate careers.

Abby Barbieri '99 and Kristin Engster '01 closed out the Continental scoring. Kathleen Lubin '01 played a good game, passing for four assists. Goalie Andrea Cecchinato '01 stopped 21 of 22 she faced over the weekend.

Despite the fact that Southern Maine and Bates (will turn varisty next season) were club teams, Hamilton's head coach, Susan Tullock, remained upbeat.

"This weekend, players who normally do not see the ice as much got a chance to play a lot, with great success. The girls worked very hard, and scored some good goals," commented Tullock.

Williams currently leads the league in points with Hamiltonians Tyksinski and Lauren Spoon '01 not far behind in the rankings.

These three, along with Amy Rini '01, Lydia Heenan '99 and Putney Haley '01 compose the starting lineup. The team has acquired two new players with the new semester: Stephanie Payne '01, a defenseman, and Victoria Hayes '01, a goaltender.

Coach Tullock says of the team's rankings, "right now we are in the middle of the rankings, and we are hoping to win over the weekend to move us up. The girls have worked hard over the past couple weeks. Even though we have some weaknesses, we feel that we can play well with the top teams in the league, and hope to make the playoffs in March."

Hamilton is a member of the ECAC Allinace's Western Division are currently is fourth behind Middlebury, RPI and RIT.

This coming weekend, the Continentals travel to Vermont for two important Alliance contests. On Saturday, the Continentials will square off agiinst the Middlebury Panthers and Catamounts of the University of Vermont.

Continental hoops team slams Clarkson

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played tremendously lighting up Union for 26 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

Thorpe's performance against Union was clearly his best of the season. "Over break I took a lot of shots improve," Thorpe admitted. "Mike [Schantz] and Jon [Schmiegel] have been playing so well that defenses are collapsing on them and I'm getting wide open shots."

"Kevin is the best shooter that I've ever played with," said Schantz. "His performance in the Union game was tremendous. It doesn't surprise me, because he does it in practice all the time. He'll have a big year!"

The Continentals pummeled Clarkson 78-65 on Tuesday to extend their winning streak to five games. Schantz was unstoppable in the contest and scored at will.

Despite the impressive win streak, Coach Murphy was still circumspect about his team's performance.

"We play games one at a time," he said. "We are playing better, but it doesn't matter how well you've played or how well you've practiced, because when you step on the court you have to perform each and every game."

Murphy continued, "We could be shooting better as a team, and I think as the season progresses we will. If we continue to play hard all season, I will be happy no matter what happens. We will be pretty strong the rest of the way."

The Continentals will face RPI Friday, before battling Union whom they thrashed last week, 105-72.

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The Spectator SPORTS

Men's hoops buries Clarkson 78-65

By Peter Ringel '01
Associate Sports Editor

After an abysmal start which saw the men's basketball team lose its first four games, the Continentals have bounced back to win five games in a row.

The winning streak commenced with a victory over Hobart on December 9th. The Continentals were then off for a month before beating Skidmore 76-51. Forward Michael Schantz '99 led three Continentals in double figures with 24 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. Guard Max Stroman '99 had 18 points, while tri-captain Mike Byrnes '98 added a career-high 12 points.

The Hamilton defense has improved since the Continentals opened with four straight losses. "Our defense has been a lot better lately and we are starting to pick it up on offense," said center Jon Schmiegel '99. "We're shooting better, not forcing the ball, and I think if we don't lose two in a row for the rest of the season and maintain a .500 record on the road then we'll be okay."

With a modest two game winning streak, the Continentals headed to Rensselaer. Tri-captain Schantz became the 24th Hamilton player to score 1000 career points. Schantz broke the 1000 point plateau when he scored a game-high 19 points, while also adding 10 rebounds.

Schantz was named both NESCAC and UCAA "Co-Player of the Week." He is first in both scoring and rebounding in the NESCAC, while he is second in scoring and first in rebounding in the UCAA.

The Continentals then trounced Union 105-72 behind Kevin Thorpe '98 who had a game-high 35 points as Hamilton won its fourth in a row. Thorpe nailed 10 three pointers, shooting 10-17 from three-point range.

He moved into third place in Hamilton basketball history with 126 career three pointers. Stroman added 17 in the victory, while Schantz again

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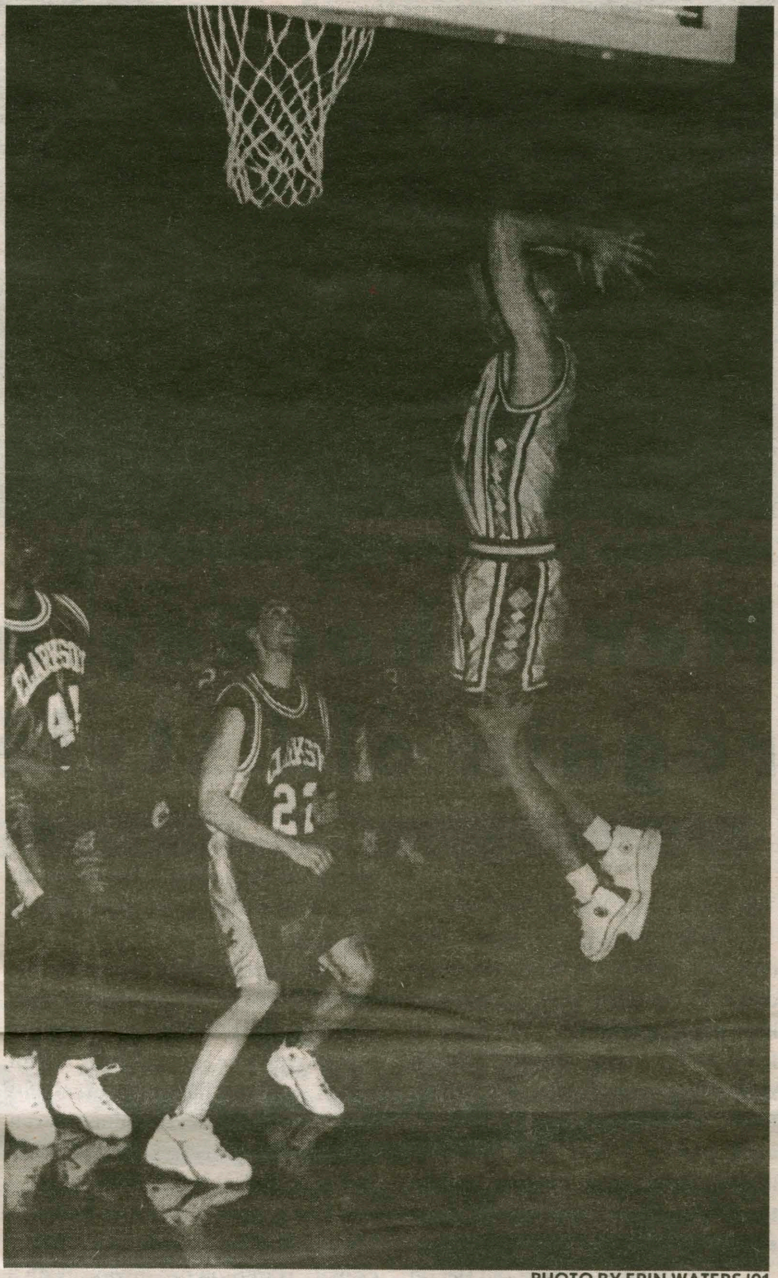

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Wham, Bam, Thank You Ma'am! Mike Schantz '99 slams one on the Clarkson defenders.

Hockey looks to return to last season's form

By Dave Bolger '99
Sports Writer

Just as the second academic semester gets under way, so too does the second part of the hockey season. The Continentals were certainly happy to say good-bye to the first half of the season and say hello to the second. Hamilton ended its first half schedule over winter break going 2-3-1 dropping their record to a disappointing 5-6-2 on the season.

The Continentals kicked off 1998 by playing in the Pepsi-Cardinal Hockey Classic in Plattsburgh, NY. Playing for the first time in 21 days, Hamilton fell victim to a third period comeback by Mercyhurst College, losing 3-1 in the first round. The following day, the Continentals picked up their first win of 1998, beating Trinity 6-4 in the consolation game of the Pepsi-Cardinal Classic.

A week later, Hamilton returned to action at the Sage, taking on Wesleyan. With students home on break, the Conts played in front of an unusually small home crowd of 220. That small crowd witnessed something not many get to see, a rare Wesleyan win. The Cardinals scored three unanswered goals in the second period and upset Hamilton 4-3.

The following day, Hamilton met up with Trinity for the second time in a week. The Continentals were led by Sean Smith '01 who scored two third period goals, as they beat the Bantams for the seventh consecutive time, 5-2.

Hamilton then travelled to Vermont to take on Norwich and Middlebury. In the first game, Hamilton led Norwich 6-5 late in the third period when the Cadets tied the game at 6 with less then a minute to play. Neither team scored in overtime, giving Hamilton its second tie of the season.

The Continentals were led in the game by Zac Sweetland '99 who had a hand in four of Hamilton's six goals (1g, 3a). The next day against Middlebury, goaltender Scott Grenier '00 continued his stellar play in net, stopping 48 of 53 shots, but Hamilton couldn't muster any offense and were blanked, 5-0.

Upon first glance, one might be surprised and even a bit worried about the 5-6-2 record the Continentals have posted mid-way through the season. After all, this is a team that was 10-3 at this point last season. Fans must realize though, that it isn't time to hit the panic button just yet.

Hamilton has been forced to deal with several injuries to key players including forward Brian Grady '00 (out for the season), Brian Coakley '99, and Brent Davey '00. Coach Phil Grady has been forced to move four forwards back to the blueline to play defense.

However, Coakley has returned and Davey is getting back into old form. Injuries have taken their toll, but the Continentals still have four players averaging just under a point a game (Rob Rigg '99, Sweetland '00, Chris Baudo

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Men's swimming cruises; women continue struggle

By Seth Crossman '01
Sports Writer

This past Saturday the Hamilton men's swim team continued their dominance in the pool with a 152-90 win over Wesleyan. On the other side of the pool, the women dropped to 1-3 for the season as they failed to come up victorious in a tough 151-91 loss.

Both teams went into the meet expecting a challenge and that was what they got according to Head Coach David Thompson. "It was a real good win for the men," said Coach Thompson, "but its been tough for the women due to injuries and sickness."

DJ Postles '00 set the pace for the Hamilton men by pulling off an exciting come from behind win by two hundredths of a second in the 1650 freestyle. Postles continued to make waves by winning the 500 freestyle and helping the 400 freestyle relay team to take first.

The Medley relay team took first place in a time of 3:38:73, with a strong performance by Adam Bushnoe '99.

Bushnoe also snuck under the two minute barrier to capture first place in the 200 butterfly with a time of 1:59:64. "They were my best times for the year," said Bushnoe of his races.

Freshman Dan Bordoni '01 swam to first place in the 100 and 200 freestyle with times of 48:85 and 1:47:23 respectively. On the diving board, the Continentals were led by Scott Carlton who dove to first place finishes in both 1 meter and 3 meter diving competitions.

> **" "**
> **That was the best performance for our team since I've been at Hamilton College.**
> **- Adam Bushnoe '99**

Other key performers were Captain Andrew Wintermuth '98 who won the 200 IM and 200 backstroke and Mike Ogurik '00 who took second in the 200 breaststroke.

In response to the team's success Bushnoe added, "That was the best performance for our team since I've been at Hamilton College." The men are undefeated with a 4-0 record.

Holly Brown '00 led the women's team by capturing second in the 100 and 200 freestyle. Brown commented on her performance saying, "I feel I've been working really hard and finally my races are dropping."

Senior co-captain Maura Gorman '98 finished first in the 200 backstroke while senior co-captain Lisa Horner '98 took third in the 200 breaststroke.

The 400 medley relay team consisting of Gorman, Brown, Horner, and Emily Pietropaolo '01 swam to first place with a 4:13:76 finishing just ahead of Wesleyan.

On the diving side of the meet, Emily Coleman '01 and Korey O'Malley '01 dove to second and third place. "Our team is broken down but the attitudes are wonderful," said Brown. The loss to Wesleyan was the most lopsided one in years as Wesleyan powered past Hamilton, 151-91.

Hamilton's excursion to Wesleyan came a week after the swim team returned from an eight day training trip to Florida. "The purpose of the trip was to train hard in a nice environment," responded Coach Thompson, when asked about the goal of the trip to Florida.

In fact, the team trained twice a day for a total of four hours, then got to spend the rest of the day resting and relaxing in sunny Florida. Besides becoming fit, the team returned home with a new positive attitude.

When asked if the trip gave the team an advantage Thompson said, "sure, it really unified the team because we made two one-hour van trips every day." Hopefully, this recent training will prepare the team with the neccessary skills to battle the stiff competition they are sure to face in the State Championship.

The team will splash into action against a fierce Amherst team Saturday at 2 pm in the Bristol Swimming Pool. The Amherst squad has been tough competition, and a win would be a huge boost for team morale.

Scorecard

Men's Hoops
5-4

Women's Hoops
3-6

Men's Hockey
5-6-2

Women's Hockey
5-3

Men's Squash
2-5

Women's Squash
0-2

Indoor Track & Field
1-0

Men's Swimming
4-0

Women's Swimming
1-3